

## LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

## FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. **1084** Session of  
1919.

INTRODUCED BY MR. NORTON, MARCH 24, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY SPECIAL,  
MARCH 25, 1919.

## AN ACT

To amend sections five and twelve and to repeal sections two three four and sixteen of an act approved the twenty-ninth day of March one thousand eight hundred twenty-four (Pamphlet Laws two hundred) entitled "An act to provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor in the county of Berks and for other purposes" by abolishing the offices of directors of the poor and providing that the county commissioners shall act as directors of the poor

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*  
4 *section five of an act approved the twenty-ninth day of*  
5 *March one thousand eight hundred twenty-four (Pamphlet Laws*  
6 *two hundred) entitled "An act to provide for the erec-*  
7 *tion of a house for the employment and support of the*

1 poor in the county of Berks and for other purposes"  
2 which reads as follows

3 "Section 5 And be it further enacted by the authority  
4 aforesaid That each director hereinbefore named or who  
5 shall be elected or appointed in the manner aforesaid  
6 shall before he enters on the duties of the said office  
7 take and subscribe an oath or affirmation when any judge  
8 or justice of the peace of the said county is hereby  
9 authorized to administer that he will discharge the office  
10 of director of the poor for the said county of Berks  
11 truly faithfully and impartially to the best of his know-  
12 and ability and file the said oath or affirmation with  
13 the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of the said  
14 county of Berks" is hereby amended to read as follows.

15 Section 5 The county commissioners of the county of  
16 Berks shall act as directors of the poor for the county  
17 of Berks and each commissioner shall before he enters  
18 on the duties of the said office take and subscribe an  
19 oath or affirmation which any judge or justice of the  
20 peace of the said county is hereby authorized to ad-  
21 minister that he will discharge the office of director of  
22 the poor for the said county of Berks truly faithfully  
23 and impartially to the best of his knowledge and ability  
24 and file the said oath or affirmation with the clerk of  
25 the court of quarter sessions of the said county of Berks

26 Section 2 Section twelve of said act which reads as  
27 follows

28 "Section 12 And be it further enacted by the au-  
29 thority aforesaid That it shall be the duty of the said

1 directors or a majority of them immediately after their  
2 first election and annually forever thereafter to make an  
3 estimate of the sum necessary for the support of the  
4 poor of the said county for the year ensuing the mak-  
5 ing of such estimate and shall forward the same to the  
6 county commissioners who shall provide by tax or other-  
7 wise the sum required by such estimate to be paid by  
8 the county treasurer on orders drawn by the directors  
9 aforesaid as the same may be found necessary" is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows

11 Section 12 It shall be the duty of the said directors  
12 or a majority of them immediately after their first elec-  
13 tion and annually forever thereafter to make an estimate  
14 of the sum necessary for the support of the poor of  
15 the said county for the year ensuing the making of such  
16 estimate and shall provide by tax or otherwise the sum  
17 required by such estimate to be paid by the county  
18 treasurer on orders drawn by the directors aforesaid as  
19 the same may be found necessary

20 Section 3 Sections two three four and sixteen of said  
21 act are hereby repealed

22 Section 4 This act shall take effect on the first  
23 Monday of January one thousand nine hundred twenty at  
24 which time the present system for the election of separate  
25 directors of the poor shall be abolished and the terms  
26 of the directors of the poor now in office shall cease  
27 and determine