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**AN ACT**

Authorizing and regulating the publication and distribution of an official newspaper by cities of the first class directing the publication therein of all legal notices including legal notices published in counties co-extensive with cities of the first class and providing that the contents thereof may be admitted in evidence

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 there shall be published daily Sundays and legal holidays  
5 excepted in all cities of the first class an official news-  
6 paper The publication of such newspaper shall be under  
7 the direction of a board composed of the Mayor City  
8 Solicitor and City Controller Said board shall by majority  
9 vote appoint a proper person together with such assist-  
10 ants as may be required to supervise the preparation and  
11 publication of such newspaper

12 Section 2 The members of the board as provided in

1 section one of this act shall receive no extra compensa-  
2 tion for their services as members of such board The  
3 compensation and salaries of the person appointed to su-  
4 pervise the preparation and publication of such newspaper  
5 and of his assistants shall be fixed by the said board  
6 and paid by the city in the same manner as other  
7 city employes are now or may hereafter be by law paid

8 Section 3 All the expenses of the publication and dis-  
9 tribution of such official newspaper except as otherwise  
10 herein provided shall be covered by a contract for print-  
11 ing to be made in the same manner as other contracts  
12 The cost of such contract shall be paid by the respec-  
13 tive city in the same manner as other contracts are  
14 now or may hereafter be by law paid

15 Section 4 All legal notices required to be published  
16 by act of assembly rule of court rules and regulations  
17 of any municipal department or otherwise in any city of  
18 the first class or in counties co-extensive with cities of  
19 the first class shall in addition to the advertisement and  
20 publication now or hereafter required to be published in  
21 the official newspaper of such city in the same manner  
22 and for the same length of time as now or hereafter  
23 provided

24 Section 5 The rate of such publication shall be fixed  
25 by the board The board shall also fix the price for  
26 copies of such newspaper The proceeds derived from the  
27 said publications and from the sale of copies of such  
28 newspapers shall be paid into the city treasury

29 Section 6 The board may also direct the publication

1 within such newspaper of any municipal or state capitol  
2 departmental reports and decisions and such other news  
3 of an official nature which may be of value to the  
4 municipal or State government or the citizens thereof

5 Section 7 The contract for the publication of such  
6 newspaper shall provide for the furnishing free of charge  
7 to the respective city not more than one thousand copies  
8 thereof to be distributed under the direction of the board  
9 Such distribution shall include all municipal departments pub-  
10 lic libraries and other regularly published city newspapers  
11 when - so requested

12 Section 8 The city controller shall cause a continuous  
13 series of such newspapers to be bound as completed  
14 quarterly and to be deposited with the clerk of each  
15 one of the several courts of the respective city with his  
16 certificate thereon Copies of the contents of any part  
17 thereof certified by the respective clerk shall be received  
18 in judicial proceedings as prima facie evidence of the  
19 truth of the contents thereof