

the clerk of the court of quarter sessions showing, separately, the amount of said indebtedness less than two per centum of the assessed valuation and the amount in excess of said two per centum but not more than seven per centum, but the filing of one statement as provided in this act shall be sufficient.

Manner of increasing indebtedness.

Section 3. Except as otherwise provided in this act, such indebtedness shall be incurred or increased in the manner provided by existing law.

Application of act.

This act shall apply to all pending proceedings where the indebtedness was authorized in the manner hereinbefore provided.

Repeal.

Section 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 12th day of April, A. D. 1923.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 38.

AN ACT

Relative to the burial of the bodies of deceased widows of soldiers, sailors, and marines at county expense.

Widows of soldiers, sailors, and marines, funeral expenses of.

Payment from county funds.

Character of service.

Discharge proof.

Duty of county commissioners.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the county commissioners in each county are hereby directed to expend the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) from the county funds towards the funeral expenses of any widow of any person who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during any war in which the United States was engaged; or served in the Army or Navy of the United States where a state or condition of war existed in the United States, or any foreign country or territory, or upon the high seas; or who was in active service of the militia of the State of Pennsylvania, under and in pursuance of any proclamations issued by the Governor, during the Civil War, and not duly mustered into the service of the United States; and who was honorably discharged or relieved from such service, upon due proof being made of such facts: Provided, however, That the county commissioners shall not contribute any moneys toward the funeral expenses of any such widow of a soldier, sailor, or marine where the total expense of any such funeral, including said allowance of seventy-five dollars, shall exceed four hundred dollars.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners before making any payment for the funeral expenses for the burial of the body of any widow of any soldier, sailor, or marine under the provisions of this act, first, to satisfy themselves by a careful in-

quiry into and examination of all the circumstances, if such person is the widow of a soldier, sailor, or marine who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during a war in which the United States was engaged; or served in the Army or Navy of the United States where a state or condition of war existed in the United States, or any foreign country or territory, or upon the high seas; or was in active service in the militia of the State of Pennsylvania under and in pursuance of any proclamations issued by the Governor, during the Civil War, and not duly mustered into the service of the United States; and was honorably discharged or relieved from such service, and that such widow died in their county or having died beyond their county shall have had a legal residence within their county at the time of her death.

Legal residence.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each county in this State to draw a warrant upon the treasurer of their county in the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for each body buried in accordance with the provisions of this act, to be paid out of the funds of the county, and such warrants shall be made payable only to the person or persons who shall have buried the bodies for which the warrants are to be so drawn. All public officers, agents, and servants, and all officers, agents, and servants of any county, city, borough, township or district, or of any almshouse, prison, morgue, hospital, home, or other public institution, having the control or custody of the body of any deceased widow of an honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine whose body is entitled to be buried under the provisions of this act, shall, immediately upon the death of such widow, notify the county commissioners of said county wherein such death may have occurred.

Payment of contribution.

Duty of public officers or employes.

Section 4. The act, approved the fifteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and thirty-two), entitled "An act relative to the burial of the bodies of certain indigent deceased widows at the county expense," and the amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

Act of April 15, 1915 (P. L. 132), and amendments, repealed.

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