

No. 11.

AN ACT

Validating certain proceedings and elections of counties, cities, boroughs, townships, school districts, and other incorporated districts or municipalities, had and held pursuant to the provisions of an act, approved the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-five), entitled "An act to regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities, to provide for the redemption of the same, and to impose penalties for the illegal increase thereof," and the amendments and supplements thereto, and validating bonds issued, or authorized to be issued, in pursuance to such proceedings and elections.

Proceedings to increase indebtedness of municipalities, validated.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all proceedings and elections heretofore had and held by any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district within this Commonwealth, to increase its indebtedness under the method or procedure specified by the provisions of an Act of Assembly, approved the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-five), entitled "An act to regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities, to provide for the redemption of the same, and to impose penalties for the illegal increase thereof," and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, where the majority of votes cast at such election was in favor of the increase of indebtedness, be and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and made valid, notwithstanding the ordinance enacted by the authorities of such county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, signifying their desire to increase the indebtedness of such county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, and providing for an election for that purpose, provided for the submission of several distinct questions, and appropriated and applied certain specific amounts for distinct purposes of the proposed increase, and was defective and invalid, and at the election held in pursuance thereof, such several distinct questions or purposes and application of certain specific sums were submitted to the electors and voted upon as one question, and notwithstanding any defect or informality in the manner of holding or giving notice of such election. All of the bonds, securities and obligations issued or to be issued in pursuance of every such election, are hereby made valid, binding obligations of every such county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district: Provided, That all the other re-

Questions improperly stated on ballot.

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quirements of law concerning such procedure, election, and issue of bonds, have been complied with: And provided further, That the provisions of this act shall not apply in any instance where the validity of such election, or of any issue of bonds or other security based thereon, has been made the subject of litigation in any court of the Commonwealth prior to the approval of this act.

APPROVED—The 5th day of March, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 12.

AN ACT

To amend sections two and nine; to repeal section ten; to amend section sixteen, and section twenty-two as amended, sections twenty-three, thirty-one, section thirty-two as amended, section fifty-two, section fifty-four as amended, section fifty-seven as amended, and section sixty-five of an act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and sixty-nine), entitled "An act providing for the organization, government, discipline, maintenance, and regulation of the armed land forces of this Commonwealth."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of an act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and sixty-nine), entitled "An act providing for the organization, government, discipline, maintenance, and regulation of the armed land forces of this Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. For the purpose of this act, the words "National Defense Act" shall be taken to mean an act of Congress, entitled "An act for making further and more effectual provision for the national defense, and for other purposes," approved by the President, June third, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and any and all acts that may hereafter be enacted amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. The word "company" shall apply to and indicate the infantry, [head-quarters supply] *quarter master*, cavalry, field artillery, engineer, signal, [field hospital machine gun ambulance and field bakery] *medical, ordnance, air service, and general staff* units, corresponding in general organization to a company of infantry. The words "regiment" and "battalion" shall apply to any organization of any arm of the service equal in organization to a regiment or battalion of infantry, as the case may be, or so denominated by law.

Section 2. That section nine of said act is hereby amended to read as follows: