

Repeal.

Section 3. All acts or parts of acts, general, special, or local, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 12th day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 328.

AN ACT

Authorizing and empowering cities of the first class in this Commonwealth to acquire by lease, purchase, or condemnation proceedings any land within or, with the consent of the local authorities where such land is situated, without the limits of said cities, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining municipal airdromes or aviation landing fields; providing for the procedure in cases of condemnation and the extent of title acquired; authorizing the lease by the cities of portions thereof to individuals or corporations upon such terms as may be fixed, and the lease thereof to the Government of the United States upon nominal or other rental or without consideration.

Cities of first class.

Acquisition of land for municipal airdromes or landing fields.

Proceedings for condemnation of lands.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all cities of the first class within this Commonwealth are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by lease, purchase, or condemnation proceedings any land lying either within or, with the consent of the local authorities where such land is situated without the limitations of said city which, in the judgment of the corporate authorities thereof, may be necessary and desirable for the purpose of establishing and maintaining municipal airdromes or aviation landing fields.

Section 2. The proceedings for the condemnation of lands under the provisions of this act and for the assessment of damages for property taken, injured, or destroyed shall be conducted in the manner provided by an act, entitled "An act authorizing and empowering the several cities of this Commonwealth to purchase, or acquire by condemnation proceedings, such real estate, within the city limits, as they may need, upon which to erect or construct municipal buildings, fire engine houses, gas and electric light works, and, within or without the city limits, upon which to erect hospitals, water-works, and poorhouses, and for the purpose of a poorfarm," approved the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and three (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-three), as amended by the act, approved the fourteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seven (Pamphlet Laws, twelve). The title acquired by the city exercising the power of condemnation shall be a title in fee simple.

Land may be leased for aviation purposes.

Section 3. Any city acquiring land under the provisions of this act may lease the same or part thereof to any individual or corporation desiring to use the

same for the purpose of landing or starting an aeroplane therefrom or for other aviation purposes, on such terms and subject to such conditions and regulations as may be provided; and any such city may enter into a contract in the form of a lease, providing for the use of said land or any part thereof by the Government of the United States for the use by said Government of said land for aviation, mail delivery, or other aviation purposes, upon nominal or other rental or without consideration.

Contract for use
by government of
United States.

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

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No. 329.

AN ACT

Pertaining to corporations organized or doing business within the Commonwealth; limiting the operation of their by-laws; and providing for the execution of contracts, notes, mortgages, et cetera, by such corporations.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the by-laws of any corporation organized or doing business within the Commonwealth shall operate merely as regulations among members or stockholders of the corporation and shall have no effect upon contracts or other dealings with other persons unless such persons shall have actual knowledge of such by-laws.

Corporations.

By-laws.

Section 2. Any note, mortgage, evidence of indebtedness, contract, or other instrument of writing, or any assignment or endorsement thereof, executed or entered into between any corporation organized or doing business within the Commonwealth and any other person, copartnership, association, or corporation, when signed by the president or vice-president and secretary or treasurer of such corporation, shall be held to have been properly executed for and in behalf of such corporation.

Validation of instruments in writing.

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