

No. 20

AN ACT

To validate and confirm tax levies made for general township purposes, in excess of ten mills, by boards of township commissioners of townships of the first class, when such excess was for the purpose of the payment of interest on indebtedness and sinking fund charges.

Townships
of first
class.

Excess
tax levy.

Validation.

Officers
not to be
surcharged.

When
effective.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any board of township commissioners in any township of the first class of this Commonwealth shall have heretofore levied an annual tax for general township purposes in excess of ten mills, and such excess levy was intended for and solely used for the payment of interest on indebtedness and sinking fund charges, such levy shall be valid; and such levy and the taxes collected pursuant thereto are hereby ratified, confirmed and validated, notwithstanding the fact that such levy was in excess of ten mills, and notwithstanding the fact that the board of township commissioners did not secure an order from the court of quarter sessions of the county within which such township is situate authorizing such excess levy. No officer or officers of such township shall be subject to surcharge for taxes so levied and collected.

Section 2. This act shall be in force immediately upon its passage, and approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 9th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 21

AN ACT

To amend section one of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred sixty-six), entitled "An act providing for the purchase of land and the erection and improvement of buildings, by counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth classes, for the purpose of providing a home for indigent orphans and certain incorrigible, indigent, dependent, and neglected children; providing for the maintenance, regulation, and management of such homes, and for commitments thereto by juvenile courts, the directors of the poor, and the county commissioners," by extending the provisions of said act to counties of the third class.

Counties of
third, fourth,
fifth, sixth,
seventh and
eighth classes.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred sixty-six), entitled "An act providing for the purchase of land and the erection and improvement of

buildings, by counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth classes, for the purpose of providing a home for indigent orphans and certain incorrigible, indigent, dependent, and neglected children; providing for the maintenance, regulation, and management of such homes, and for commitments thereto by juvenile courts, the directors of the poor, and the county commissioners," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1,
act of May
16, 1921
(P. L. 666),
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the county commissioners of any county of the *third*, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth class, by and with the approval of the grand jury and of the court of quarter sessions of the peace of the county, shall have the authority, and are hereby authorized, to purchase a farm or plot of ground within the county, and erect buildings thereon, or add to and improve buildings already erected, and make improvements thereon and thereto, as may be convenient and necessary for the use and purpose of providing a home within the county for the keeping, care, education, and training of all indigent orphans dependent upon the public for support and not otherwise provided for, incorrigible, indigent, dependent, and neglected children of either sex, under sixteen years of age, who shall be committed to said home by the court of quarter sessions of the peace acting as juvenile court of the county, or by the county commissioners, poor directors of said county, or the poor directors of any district within the county, by and with the consent of the juvenile court of the county, and pay for the same out of the public funds belonging to the said county.

Children's
Home.

Provisions of
act extended
to counties
of third
class.

Commitment
of children
to home.

APPROVED—The 9th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 22

AN ACT

Providing for the acceptance by the Commonwealth of a gift of lands from the American Petroleum Institute, located on the left bank of Oil Creek, in Oil Creek Township, Venango County, to establish the Drake Well Memorial Park, under the control and supervision of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission; providing for cooperation by the Department of Forests and Waters; empowering the Department of Property and Supplies to acquire additional lands for such Memorial Park without cost to the Commonwealth; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Commonwealth hereby accepts, free and clear of all encumbrances except reservations of oil, gas and minerals, any grant of lands by the American Petroleum Institute of

Drake Well
Memorial
Park.

Land grant
accepted.