

such structures and improvements on behalf of the Commonwealth and to use the same in connection with and for the protection of such park and memorial.

APPROVED—The 10th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

Nó. 23

AN ACT

Providing an additional method for the annexation of a part of a ward to a ward contiguous thereto in cities of the third class.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That part of any ward in a city of the third class may be annexed to another ward contiguous thereto by the court of quarter sessions of the county, upon petition of the city council or of twenty-five or more qualified electors of such territory which is petitioned to be so annexed. Such petition shall specify the boundaries thereof and the necessity therefor, and shall be sworn to by one or more of the petitioners.

Cities of the third class.

Annexation.

Court of quarter sessions.

Section 2. Upon presentation of such petition, the court shall fix a time for hearing the same, and notice of such hearing shall be given by advertisement, once a week for three consecutive weeks, in at least one newspaper of general circulation throughout the city wherein such wards are located.

Time of hearing.

Notice.

At the time so fixed, the court, upon hearing all parties interested in such question of annexation, shall make such decree as, in its opinion, will best promote the interests of the public and the convenience of the inhabitants of such wards affected thereby. Such decree may annex to such contiguous ward such territory as petitioned, either in whole or part, or deny such petition, and shall be final as to such annexation. Such question need not be referred to the vote of the electors of the wards affected thereby.

Hearing.

Decree.

Section 3. If by such decree of the court of quarter sessions any part of a ward is annexed to a contiguous ward, the said court shall fix the place of holding elections in the election districts affected thereby, and, if necessary, shall appoint election officers who shall serve until their successors may be elected according to law.

Elections.

Section 4. The procedure, provided by this act for annexing a part of a ward to a contiguous ward, is a separate and complete method and is in addition to any method or procedure already provided by law for accomplishing the same purpose.

Separate method.

Costs.

Section 5. The cost of the proceedings provided by this act shall be paid by the county.

APPROVED—The 11th day of April, A. D. 1931.

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No. 24

AN ACT

To validate certain proceedings for municipal improvements, municipal assessments, municipal claims, and municipal liens, in the several boroughs of this Commonwealth, and validating such improvements, assessments, claims, and liens; providing for the filing of claims and liens therefor; and the proceedings for the collection of such assessments and claims.

Boroughs.

Public improve-
ments.Defects in pro-
ceedings.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever heretofore the council of any incorporated borough of this Commonwealth has required, by ordinance, and caused to be made, graded, paved, curbed, or macadamized with brick, stone, or other suitable material, or otherwise improved any public street or thoroughfare, or part thereof, either cartway or footwalk, or has covered or enclosed any watercourse or waterway, in any street or thoroughfare, so as to improve or extend and increase the driveway in any street or thoroughfare, or has caused sewers to be constructed therein, or has caused ornamental lights to be erected pursuant to any ordinance, or has by ordinance provided for the assessment against abutting property owners of benefits for such improvement, but owing to some defect in the petition, action of council, notice of publication, failure to make said improvement in accordance with the strict terms of any ordinance, or any other proceeding or action necessary under existing laws and ordinances to give jurisdiction to such council, or because of noncompliance with existing laws as to publication of copies of ordinance and posting of handbills prior to or after the final passage of such ordinance, or because the ordinance itself or the official record book containing the same has been lost, mislaid, or destroyed, or has not been transcribed in the official record book, or because of irregularity or error in the appointment of viewers to assess benefits against property abutting along the line of the improvement, or because of any irregularity or error in the method or procedure for the ascertainment of the amount of benefits to such property or in arriving at or determining the benefits assessed against such property, or because of the failure to give notice as required by law or ordinance, or the time for filing a lien or making claim for