

But whether this Bill will of itself add to the tax rate or whether it will not, whether it is approved or vetoed, the gross mismanagement of city finances in the past has made a rise in the tax rate next year sure and certain. Nothing can stop it. Even continued dodging of the facts in the next budget would be powerless to prevent it.

I am entirely convinced that Controller Hadley is right when he says "Council by extraordinary action could transfer from other items to the police and fire payroll and institute immediately drastic economies to meet this situation." But I am equally convinced that Council will not do so. And I must look the facts in the face.

If I must choose between crippling the Police and Fire Departments of Philadelphia at a time like this, and the possibility, probability, or even certainty of a small additional increase in the tax rate (beyond what is already unavoidable) because of this Bill, I choose the safety of the city. Therefore I am signing the Bill.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 356

AN ACT

To amend route number seven hundred and eight of the act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eighty-seven), entitled "An act establishing certain public roads as State highways, and providing for their construction and maintenance at the expense of the Commonwealth."

Section 1. Be it enacted &c., That route number seven hundred and eight of the act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eighty-seven), entitled, "An act establishing certain public roads as State highways, and providing for their construction and maintenance at the expense of the Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Route Number Seven Hundred and Eight. [Beginning at a point on State highway route number thirty-four in Hampden Township, Cumberland County, about one and one eighth miles west of Camp Hill Borough, at what is known as Reeser's Corner; and running thence in a southeasterly direction, crossing State highway route number five hundred and seven at a point known as Saint John's Church, and continuing on past the eastern limits of Shiremanstown, to and connecting with State highway route number one hundred and twenty-three.] *Beginning at a point in Wormleysburg, where Walnut Street intersects with State highway route number thirty; thence westerly through a granted right of way of one hundred feet in width to a point on Seventeenth Street in the borough of Camp Hill; thence westerly and southerly to an intersection with State highway route number thirty-four at Oyster's Point.*

APPROVED—The 26th day of June, A. D. 1931.

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State highway.
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County.

Route 708, act
of May 6, 1927
(P. L. 787),
amended.

Route 708.