

Undrawn donation lands.

SECTION 3. That all undrawn tracts of donation land, situate north and west of the rivers Ohio, Allegheny and Conewango creek, may be patented in the same manner, and upon the same terms as other lands which are open for settlement within said territory.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 184.

AN ACT

To authorize the overseers of the poor of the borough of Lewistown, in the county of Mifflin, to erect a poor house.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That

Mode of ascertaining assent of citizens.

for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the citizens of the borough of Lewistown, as to the expediency of establishing a poor house for said borough, the qualified voters of the several wards of said borough shall, on Saturday, the third day of May next, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, express their desire by voting tickets, labelled on the outside "Poor House," and inside the words "For a Poor House" or "Against a Poor House," as the several voters may desire; and if it shall appear by such election that a majority of the qualified electors of said borough are in favor of establishing a poor house, then the overseers of the poor of said borough, shall proceed to select and purchase a suitable property for that purpose, as convenient to said borough as may be, and make all necessary arrangements, and remove the poor of said borough to said poor house as soon as practicable: *Provided*, That the said overseers shall not purchase a property at a greater price than two thousand five hundred dollars, for the land and the improvements necessary for its suitable occupation as a poor house, and shall not pay more than five hundred dollars in hand, and a like sum each year, till the whole purchase money be paid, so that the poor taxes of said borough may be as light as possible.

Proviso.

Employment of poor.

SECTION 2. The said overseers shall provide suitable work and keep the poor employed in gardening, or such mechanical work as they may think suitable and profitable, and to employ some suitable person to reside at the poor house and take charge of the poor, under the direction of the overseers, who shall have all the powers necessary for the proper

regulation of the poor house, in addition to the powers under the present laws regulating the support and employment of the poor.

SECTION 3. The said poor house, and the property thereto attached, shall not be liable to be taxed for any other than state purposes. Exempted from tax.

SECTION 4. That the townships of Granville and Derry may be attached, if the majority of the said qualified voters of said townships require it, and that the said voters of said townships may decide the same by ballot, at the annual election on the second Tuesday of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, by voting for or against a poor house in said township, and that the return judges of said elections shall make returns of the same, in like manner as the other returns of said annual election are made: *Provided*, That the townships of Granville and Derry shall be allowed to contribute to the purchase of such property, and assist in the erection of such buildings, as may be necessary for the said poor house, in the proportion of twenty-five hundred dollars for each of the said townships, to be paid in the time and manner provided for in the first section of said act: *Provided*, The whole expenses shall not exceed the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

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No. 185.

A N A C T

To authorize the trustees of the Reading academy to transfer the said academy to the school directors of the borough of Reading.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the trustees of the Reading academy, in the county of Berks, be and they are hereby authorized, with the assent and approbation of a majority of the actual members of the said board, to transfer the academy buildings and lot of ground thereto belonging, in the said borough of Reading, heretofore and now held by the said trustees, conformably with the provisions of the act of assembly incorporating the said academy, passed the tenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, to the directors of the common schools of the several wards of the said borough of Reading, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Academy transferred. High school.