

Section 1. The city council in cities of the second class A shall fix the salary of the mayor, the members of council, the controller, and appointed city officers. The salary of the mayor shall be not less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) [and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)] per annum; the salary of each member of council shall be not [more] less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum; the salary of the controller [shall be not more than six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per annum;] and the salaries of appointed city officers shall [not be more than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) per annum.] be fixed by the city council.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

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No. 461

AN ACT

HB 1838

Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 955), entitled, as amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals, and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of low income; providing for the organization of such housing authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor; prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities; authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements, including agreements with the United States, the Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained by such housing authorities; exempting the property and securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning Board, and certain other State officers and departments," authorizing housing authorities to acquire existing structures for the purpose of reconstruction, reconditioning and repairing the same to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of low income.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The last paragraph of section 2 and clause (j) of section 3, act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 955), known as the "Housing Authorities Law," are amended to read:

Section 2. Findings and Declaration of Policy.—* * *

Therefore, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to promote the health and welfare of the inhabitants there-

of by the creation of corporate and politic bodies to be known as housing authorities. The public purposes for which such authorities shall operate shall be—(1) the clearance, replanning and reconstruction of the areas in which slums exist; (2) the providing of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income through new construction or the reconstruction, restoration, reconditioning, remodeling or repair of existing structures, so as to prevent recurrence of the economically and socially disastrous conditions hereinbefore described; and (3) the accomplishment of a combination of the foregoing. Such purposes are hereby declared to be public uses for which public money may be spent, and private property acquired by the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

Section 3. Definitions.—The following words, terms, and phrases, where used or referred to in this act, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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(j) “Housing Project” or “Project.” Any work or undertaking—(1) To demolish, clear or remove buildings from any slum area, or to adapt such area to public purposes, including parks, playgrounds, swimming pools or other recreational or community purposes; or (2) to provide [decent, safe, and sanitary urban or rural dwellings, apartments or other living accommodations] safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations by means of new construction, or the reconstruction, restoration, reconditioning, remodeling, or repair of existing structures for persons of low income, such work or undertaking may include buildings, land, equipment, facilities, and other real or personal property for necessary, convenient or desirable appurtenances, streets, sewers, water services, parks, site preparation, gardening, administrative, community, health, recreational, educational, welfare or other purposes; or (3) to accomplish a combination of the foregoing. The term “Housing Project” or “Project” may be applied to the planning of the buildings and improvements, the acquisition of property, the demolition of existing structures, the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of existing improvements, and all other work in connection therewith.

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