

No. 123

AN ACT

To amend sections one, two and nine of, and to add section nine-A to, the act, approved the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred and seventy-one), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and maintenance of boards of health in boroughs and townships of the first class, and defining their powers and duties; providing for the appointment of members of such boards of health by the president of the borough councils, or by the chairman of the board of commissioners of such townships; providing for the election of a secretary and a health officer; providing that the Commissioner of Health may take charge of the administration of health laws in any borough or township of the first class, when conditions therein, in his opinion, constitute a menace to the lives or health of the people living outside the corporate limits of such borough or township of the first class, or when it may be known to him that such borough or township of the first class is without an existing or efficient board of health; and providing the manner in which the expenses of boards of health or of the Commissioner of Health, incurred in administering health laws in any borough or township of the first class, shall be paid"; by authorizing the council of each borough and the commissioners of each first class township to appoint the members of the board of health, or in lieu thereof a health officer with the powers and duties of such boards; requiring all health officers to be experienced in public health work and to be certified to by the Secretary of Health; authorizing such boroughs and townships to cooperate with the county and the State Department of Health in the administration and enforcement of health laws.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred and seventy-one), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and maintenance of boards of health in boroughs and townships of the first class, and defining their powers and duties; providing for the appointment of members of such boards of health by the president of the borough councils, or by the chairman of the board of commissioners of such townships; providing for the election of a secretary and a health officer; providing that the Commissioner of Health may take charge of the administration of health laws in any borough or township of the first class, when conditions therein, in his opinion, constitute a menace to the lives or health of the people living outside the corporate limits of such borough or township of the first class, or when it may be known to him that such borough or township of the first class is without an existing or efficient board of health; and providing the manner in which the expenses of boards of health or of the Commissioner of Health, incurred in administering health laws in any borough or township of the first class, shall be paid," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Boards of health in boroughs and first class townships.

Section 1 of act of June 12, 1913 (P. L. 471), amended.

Board of health or health officer.	Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That [a board of health shall be established and maintained in each borough and township of the first class in this Commonwealth, within three months after the passage of this act.] <i>the administration of the health laws in boroughs and first class townships shall be enforced by a board of health, or by a health officer or officers, as the case may be, appointed by the borough council or township commissioners.</i>
Appointment.	
Powers and duties of health officers.	<i>Where borough council or township commissioners elect to appoint a health officer or officers, the said health officer or officers shall have the same powers and duties, and exercise the same authority, as is now prescribed for boards of health in boroughs and first class townships. All health officers, whether appointed by boards of health or by borough council or township commissioners, shall have had some experience or training in public health work in accordance with rules and regulations established by the advisory health board; and such health officers shall not enter upon the performance of their duties until they are certified so to do by the Secretary of Health of the State Department of Health.</i>
Qualifications.	
Certification by Secretary of Health.	
Section 2 amended.	Section 2. That section two of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:
Composition of board of health.	<i>Section 2. Where the borough council or township commissioners decide to appoint a [The] board of health said board shall be composed of five members, at least one of whom shall be a reputable physician of not less than two years experience in the practice of his profession. The members of the board [of health] shall be appointed by the [president of the] borough council or [councils or by the chairman of the board of commissioners of such] township commissioners. At the first appointment, one member shall be appointed to serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years; and thereafter one member shall, in like manner, be appointed each year, to serve for five years. The members of the board of health shall [be residents of the municipality for which they are appointed and shall] serve without compensation: Provided, however, If any member of the board shall be elected to the office of secretary, he shall be entitled to receive a salary, fixed by the board for that office.</i>
Appointment.	
Terms.	
Compensation.	
Proviso.	
Section 9 amended.	Section 3. That section nine of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:
Estimate of probable expenditures.	<i>Section 9. It shall be the duty of the board of health or appointed health officer or officers to submit annually, to the [councils] council or township commissioners, before the commencement of the fiscal year, an estimate of the probable expenditures of the board during the ensuing year; and [councils] council or the township commissioners shall then proceed to</i>

make such [appropriation] *appropriations* [thereto] as may be necessary; and the said board of *health, health officer, or officers*, shall, in the month of January of each year, submit a report, in writing, to [councils] *council or the township commissioners* of its [operations] *appropriation* and expenditures for the preceding year, together with such other information on subjects relative to the sanitary conditions or requirements of the borough or township as may be necessary, and [councils] *council or township commissioners* shall publish the same in their official journal.

Report.

Section 4. That the said act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 9-A added.

Section 9-A. Any borough or first class township may cooperate with the county, or with any city in the county in which such borough or first class township is located, as well as with the State Department of Health, in the administration and enforcement of health laws.

Cooperation in administration of health laws.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 124

AN ACT

To provide for the care and treatment of the indigent insane of the several counties of the Commonwealth, in the State and semi-State hospitals for the insane.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the expense of the care and treatment of the indigent insane, whether chronic or otherwise, in the State and semi-State hospitals for the insane, is hereby fixed at the uniform rate of three dollars per week for each person, including clothing, chargeable to the respective county or poor district from which such insane person shall come, and the excess over said three dollars per week shall be paid by the State; but in no case shall said excess exceed three dollars per week for each indigent insane person.

Insane.

Expense of maintenance.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 125

AN ACT

Authorizing boroughs to levy and collect a special tax for the purpose of lighting the streets, highways, and other public places.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the burgess and council, or town council, of each of the several boroughs of this Commonwealth, are authorized to levy

Boroughs.