

One clerk, at one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) per annum.

Three clerks, each at one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum.

One escheat clerk, at one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum.

IN THE BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND EXPENDITURES

One chief clerk, at three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum.

One assistant chief clerk and warrant clerk, at two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per annum.

One appropriation clerk, at two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum.

Five clerks, each at one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum.

One statistician, at two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum.

One assistant statistician, at one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum.]

And such other deputies, chief clerks, experts, accountants, auditors, investigators, examiners, collectors, secretaries, bookkeepers, clerks, stenographers, typists, messengers, watchmen, and all other employes necessary for the proper administration of the Auditor General's Department, at salaries or compensation to be fixed by the Auditor General.

APPROVED—The 11th day of May, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 461

AN ACT

To provide for the licensing and regulation of public dance halls and ballrooms, and for the regulation and supervision of public dances and balls, in townships.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That this act shall apply to all townships within this Commonwealth.

Section 2. The term "public dance," or "public ball," as used in this act, shall be taken to include any dance or ball conducted in connection with instruction in dancing for hire, and any dance or ball to which admission may be had by the payment of a fee, or by the purchase, possession or presentation of a ticket or token, or in connection with which a charge is made for caring for clothing or other property, and any dance or ball to which the public generally may gain admission with or without the payment of a fee, except public dances or public balls conducted by posts or camps of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines, or by fraternal organizations, labor unions or organizations of firemen.

Townships; public dance halls and dances.

"Public dance," or "public ball" defined.

The term "dance hall," or "ballroom," as used in this act, shall be taken to include any room, place or space in which a public dance or public ball, as herein defined, shall be held, and any room, hall or academy in which classes in dancing are held and instruction in dancing is given for hire.

"Dance hall," or "ballroom" defined.

Section 3. From and after the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, it shall be unlawful to hold or conduct any public dance or public ball, or to hold or conduct classes in dancing, or to give instructions in dancing for hire, in any hall, ballroom or academy within the limits of any township within this Commonwealth, unless the dance hall or ballroom or academy in which the same may be held shall have been duly licensed for such purposes.

Public dances unlawful except in licensed halls.

Application for such license shall be made by the proprietor of such dance hall or ballroom or academy to the county treasurer of the county wherein such township is situate, who is hereby authorized to issue the same.

Application to county treasurer for license.

The fee payable for each license granted hereunder shall be as follows:

License fee.

In the case of dance halls maintained and conducted in connection with regularly established instruction in dancing, and exclusively used in such connection, the annual license fee shall be ten dollars.

In the case of all other dance halls and ballrooms, the annual license fee shall be ten dollars.

Each license granted hereunder shall expire on the first day of June of each year.

Expiration of license.

The fee payable for each license granted hereunder shall be for the whole or any portion of a calendar year and all moneys received by way of license fees hereunder shall be paid into the general fund of the county.

Every licensed public dance hall or ballroom or academy shall post its license in a conspicuous place within the hall where the dance is held.

License to be posted.

Section 4. Such district attorney may cause an investigation of all applications for public dance hall or ballroom licenses, to determine whether or not the dance hall, ballroom or academy sought to be licensed complied with the rules, regulations, ordinances, and laws applicable thereto; and, in making such investigation he shall, when desired, have the assistance of the State police, and the county detective of such county, and of the constable or constables of the township.

Investigation by district attorney.

Section 5. No license for a public dance hall or ballroom or academy shall be issued until it shall be ascertained that the place for which it is issued complies with and conforms to all laws, ordinances, health and fire regulations applicable thereto, and is a safe and proper place for the purpose for which it shall be used, properly ventilated, and supplied with sufficient toilet conveniences.

No license to be issued unless place conforms to laws applicable thereto.

Section 6. The license of any public dance hall or ballroom or academy may be forfeited or revoked by the district attorney, for disorderly or immoral conduct on

Revocation of license.

the premises, or upon proof that the dance hall, ballroom or academy was frequented by disorderly or immoral persons, or for the violation of any of the laws of the United States of America, or this Commonwealth, or the rules, regulations, ordinances, and laws governing or applying to public dance halls, ballrooms or academies or public dances, or for permitting or tolerating the patrons thereof to violate such laws, ordinances, rules or regulations. If, at any time, the license of a public dance hall, ballroom or academy shall be forfeited or revoked, at least six months shall elapse before another license or permit shall be granted for dancing on the same premises.

Rooms to be kept clean and lighted.

Section 7. All public dance halls or ballrooms or academies shall be kept at all times in a clean, healthful, and sanitary condition, and all stairways and other passages and all rooms connected with public dance hall, ballroom or academy shall be kept open and well lighted.

Inspection by police officers.

Section 8. All public dance halls, ballrooms, and academies shall be subject to inspection by the State police, the county detective of the county, and the constables of the township, at all reasonable times, and whenever they are open for dancing, instruction in dancing or for any other purpose.

Police officers may cause hall to be vacated.

Any State police officer, county detective of the county, or constable of the township, wherein a public dance hall, ballroom or academy is situated, shall have the power to cause the place, hall or room where any public dance or ball is given, to be vacated, whenever any provision of any law or ordinance with regard to public dances and public balls is being violated, or whenever any indecent act shall be committed, or when any disorder of a gross or vulgar character shall take place therein.

Persons under 16 years of age.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful, after nine o'clock post meridian, to permit any person to attend or take part in any public dance who has not reached the age of sixteen years, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Closing hours

Section 10. All public dances shall be discontinued and no public dances shall be held on Sunday; and all public dance halls shall be closed on or before the hour of one o'clock ante meridian, except when such extensions of time would provide for public dances on Sunday: Provided, however, That, upon the application of a bona fide organization or society, and upon an investigation by the proper authority, the county treasurer may grant such organization or society a permit to continue a dance until two o'clock ante meridian.

Proviso

Penalty.

Section 11. Any person, persons, society, club or corporation who shall violate the provisions of this act, shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five (\$25) dollars, to be recovered, with costs, as debts of like amount are now by law recoverable.

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