

any real property belonging to the county, on petition to the court of common pleas setting forth a description of the property to be sold *or leased* and the reason therefor; the court shall thereupon fix a day for hearing, and notice of which shall be given in at least two newspapers in said county of general circulation once a week for three consecutive weeks. *In the case of any lease of county property hereunder, such property, with any and all improvements or additions thereon or thereto, shall, in the hands of the lessee, be subject to taxation by such county, and any other municipal or political subdivision therein, in the same manner as all other real estate located in such county, all of which taxes shall be levied and assessed against and paid by the lessee.* After hearing, the court shall make such an order and decree as shall seem right and proper. Such sale *or lease* shall be returned to the following term of court, as orphans' court sales are now returned, and said court shall confirm or refuse to confirm said sales *or leases* as it may deem best for the interests of the county.

Section 3. That section six hundred and seventy-six of the said act be amended to read as follows:

Section 676 of said act amended.

Section 676. *Conveyance and Lease of Real Estate.*—The board of commissioners shall make a deed *or lease* of any real estate belonging to the county which they are authorized to sell *or lease*, under their hands and seals as commissioners, with the seal of the county attached, and the same shall be a good and lawful conveyance in fee simple *or lease*.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 21st day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 93

AN ACT

To amend section four hundred thirty-nine of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred seventy-eight), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," as amended, providing that certain forms used by the county commissioners relative to the compilation of war records of deceased service men shall be prescribed, but not furnished by the Department of Military Affairs.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section four hundred thirty-nine of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred seventy-eight), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third,

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Section 439, act of May 2, 1929 (P. L. 1278), as amended by section 8, act of July 12, 1935 (P. L. 683), further amended.

fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," as amended by section eight of the act, approved the twelfth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred eighty-three), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 439. Compilation of War Records.—The county commissioners of each county in the State are hereby authorized and directed, at the expense of the county, to compile a record of the burial places within such county of deceased service men. Such record, so far as practicable, shall indicate the name of each such person, the service in which he or she was engaged, the number of the regiment or company or command, the rank and period of service, the name and location of the cemetery or other place in which his or her body is interred, the location of the grave in such cemetery or other place, and the character of headstone or other marker, if any, at such grave. Such record shall be known as the Veterans' Grave Registration Record of County, and shall be a public record, open to inspection during business hours.

The county commissioners of each county in this State shall cause record blanks to be prepared, according to forms [furnished] *prescribed* by the Department of Military Affairs, whereby the information required for such record may be transmitted to them. Every person, firm, association, or corporation, including a municipal corporation, owning or controlling any cemetery or burial place within the State, in which are interred the bodies of deceased service men, shall file with the county commissioners of the county in which such cemetery is located a certificate, on the record blanks provided by said county commissioners, of the facts required for such record, as far as the same are within the knowledge of such person, firm, association, corporation, or the agents thereof. The county commissioners shall cause record blanks to be distributed to such persons, firms, associations, and corporations as they deem advisable, with the request that such information be transmitted to them. Any such person, firm, association, or corporation, except municipal corporations, upon receipt of such blanks or forms, who shall refuse or neglect to fill out and transmit to the county commissioners such blanks or forms within six months after receipt of same, shall be subject to a fine, upon conviction in summary proceedings, of one hundred dollars.

For the purpose of locating the burial places of persons who have served in the military or naval service, or other branches of the combative forces of the United States, during any war in which the United States was

engaged, the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, through their local camps, posts and branches in this State, are authorized, without expense to the county, to collect the required data, and prepare and file with the county commissioners certificate embodying the information provided for in this section. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this section, the county commissioners shall appoint a veterans' grave registrar, who shall receive such compensation as the salary board may fix, in counties where such boards exist, otherwise by the county commissioners.

APPROVED—The 21st day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 94

AN ACT

Directing the Department of Military Affairs to select, procure, award, and provide for the furnishing of certain service medals.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Department of Military Affairs of the Commonwealth shall select, procure, award, and provide for the furnishing, at request of the veteran, of a service medal at cost to all honorably discharged veterans of the World War who were residents of Pennsylvania at the time of their entry into the service: Provided, That the proof of such service shall be based upon decisions made in connection with the payment of Pennsylvania veterans compensation: And provided further, That such medals shall not be issued to officers and enlisted men who were commissioned or enrolled in the Pennsylvania National Guard, on or prior to, August fifth, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and who have received the medal provided for that class of personnel. The detailed specifications and design shall be selected by the Department of Military Affairs.

Service medals.

Section 2. The Adjutant General is charged with the administration of this act. He shall prepare and furnish blanks and adopt rules and regulations for the issue of medals upon approved applications. All applications, papers, and other records in the administration of this act shall become a part of the permanent records of the Department of Military Affairs.

The Adjutant General is charged with the administration of the act.

APPROVED—The 21st day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE