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Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment, but if, within two years thereof, the government of the United States has taken no steps to acquire the lands hereinbefore referred to, or any part thereof, then this act shall become null and void.

APPROVED—The 25th day of June, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 411

AN ACT

Providing for the creation, division, and consolidation of wards in cities of the first class; and defining procedure therefor.

Creation,
division, or
consolidation
of wards in
cities of the
first class.

Commission
of inquiry.
Duty of
commissioners.

Report.

Duty of
the mayor.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That wards in cities of the first class may be created, divided, or consolidated, by the court of quarter sessions of the proper county, on application thereto for that purpose by the petition of at least a total of one hundred qualified electors from the ward or wards sought to be affected, or of the council or councils of such cities of the first class, and, upon such petition praying for creation of a new ward out of a part or parts of existing wards, or a division of an existing ward, or a consolidation of two or more wards, the said court shall appoint five impartial persons as a commission to inquire into the propriety of granting the prayer, and it shall be the duty of the commissioners, so appointed, or any four of them, to examine the premises, to make a draft of the ward or wards proposed to be created, divided, or consolidated, as the case may be, and they shall make report thereof to the said court of quarter sessions at its next term, together with their opinion and recommendations of the same. The court shall review the report at the term after which it shall be made. If the commissioners report unfavorably to such creation, division, or consolidation, as the case may be, the court shall make such order as to it shall appear just and reasonable. If the commissioners report favorably to such creation, division, or consolidation, as the case may be, the court shall order a vote of the qualified electors of the ward or wards affected to be taken on the question, and shall appoint an election to be held on the day of the next succeeding primary election, occurring not less than two months thereafter, when the election officers of the ward or wards affected shall hold such election at the places, and in the manner provided by law, for the regulation of elections. It shall be the duty of the mayor of such city to give at least fifteen days' notice, by advertisements in at least three newspapers, if so

many be printed in that city, and by handbills posted in the most public places in said ward or wards affected, that such an election will be held, and of the time and place of holding the same. The proper authorities shall make provisions for the submission of the question of creation, division, or consolidation, as the case may be, to the voters, in the manner provided by law. If it appears that a majority of the votes so taken are for creation, division, or consolidation, as the case may be, the said court shall thereupon order and decree accordingly and agreeably to the lines marked out and returned to the commissioners, and shall number the new ward or wards, and shall cause a certified copy of the whole proceedings to be placed of record among the minutes of council or councils. If a majority of votes have been against creation, division, or consolidation, as the case may be, no further action shall be had upon such proceedings, and the particular question so voted upon shall not be submitted for at least three years from the date of such election.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 25th day of June, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 412

AN ACT

Authorizing the Joint Commission having jurisdiction over bridges over the Delaware River between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New York to sell and dispose of certain real and personal property, to lease real estate, and to license public utility companies to occupy, with their facilities, parts of such bridges as are within the jurisdiction of the commission; and providing for the disposal of the proceeds thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Joint Commission having jurisdiction over bridges between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New York, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of July 25, 1917 (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand one hundred eighty), its amendments and supplements, be, and is hereby, empowered to sell and dispose of such real and personal property in either Pennsylvania or New York as is, in its judgment, not necessary for the proper care, maintenance, and operation of such bridges as are, or may hereafter come, under its control and jurisdiction, for such price or prices and under such condi-

Delaware River
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mission.