

## No. 197

## AN ACT

To further amend subsections (a) and (b) of section 17 of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 849) entitled "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of electors in cities of the third class as a condition of their right to vote at elections and primaries, and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition of their right to vote at primaries; prescribing certain procedure for the conduct of elections and primaries and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors; and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties, political bodies, registration commissions, commissioners, registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees of registration commissions, county election boards, election officers, municipal officers, departments and bureaus, police officers, courts, judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county commissioners, peace officers, county treasurers, county controllers, registrars of vital statistics, certain public utility corporations, real estate brokers, rental agents, and boards of school directors; imposing penalties; and repealing existing legislation," by further providing for hours of registration.

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

Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17 of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 849), entitled "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of electors in cities of the third class as a condition of their right to vote at elections and primaries, and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition of their right to vote at primaries; prescribing certain procedure for the conduct of elections and primaries and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors; and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties, political bodies, registration commissions, commissioners, registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees of registration commissions, county election boards, election officers, municipal officers, departments and bureaus, police officers, courts, judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county commissioners, peace officers, county treasurers, county controllers, registrars of vital statistics, certain public utility corporations, real estate brokers, rental agents, and boards of school directors; imposing penalties; and repealing existing legislation," as last amended by the act, approved the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 30), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 17. Days and Hours of Registration; Places of Registration; Use of Polling Places; Payment of Rentals; Use of School Buildings; Public Notice.—(a) From and after the effective date of this act, each com-

"The Permanent Registration Act in Cities of the Third Class."

Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17, act of May 25, 1937, P. L. 849, as last amended by act of March 5, 1947, P. L. 30, further amended.

mission, or any commissioner or a registrar or clerk appointed by the commission, shall, during ordinary business hours, and during such additional hours as the commission shall from time to time prescribe, on each day, except Sunday, holidays, the day of each election and each primary; the fifty days next preceding each general election and each primary, thirty-five (35) days next preceding each municipal election, and the thirty days next following each election and the five days next following each primary, at the office of the commission and at such additional places in the city as the commission may from time to time designate, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) herein, receive personal applications from persons who claim that they are entitled to be registered as electors of the city and who appear for registration.

(b) Not later than fifty days prior to each primary and general election, and thirty-five (35) days prior to each municipal election, the commission shall cause at least two registrars to sit for at least two separate days at a suitable and centrally located place in each city, other than the office of the commission, for the purpose of receiving personal applications for \*registrations, applications for change of party enrollment, and removal notices from the electors of such city. Such registrars shall sit on said days continuously *between such practicable and reasonable hours, not less than six (6) hours each day, as the commission shall prescribe, or if the commission fails to so prescribe, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., and between the hours of 7 P. M. and 10 P. M.* Immediately upon the action of the commission, which shall be taken in due time as to the number of days of such registration and as to the number of registrars to be appointed for such purpose, the commission shall notify, in writing, the county chairman of the political parties enrolling the largest and second largest number of voters within the county at the preceding November election of such action and of the number of registrars the commission will appoint to serve in said cities. Not later than the third day after receipt of said notice, said chairman shall submit to the commission a list of qualified electors of the county to serve as registrars for said days. Of the registrars appointed by the commission for such registration days, an equal number shall be appointed from the names on each of the lists so submitted: Provided, however, That if either or both of said chairmen shall fail to submit such list within the time herein provided, the commission shall appoint an equal number of persons from the list actually submitted, and an equal number of any qualified

\* "registration" in original.

electors of the county, or shall appoint as all of such registrars, any qualified electors of the county, as the case may be.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment. Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 198

AN ACT

To further amend section 622 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by increasing the allowance for expenses of township officers at annual meeting of the State association.

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

"The First Class Township Code."

Section 1. Section 622 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," as reenacted, amended and revised by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1955), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 622, act of June 24, 1931, P. L. 1206, as reenacted, amended and revised by act of May 27, 1949, P. L. 1955, further amended.

Section 622. Expenses of Delegates Paid by Townships.—[The expenses of the delegates and other officers attending the annual meeting shall not exceed nine dollars per day for each officer attending, for not more than three days, together with the actual mileage at the prevailing rate of railroad fare, which] *Each delegate and other officer attending the annual meeting of the State association shall be allowed his expenses actually and necessarily incurred in going to, attending and returning from the meeting, but such expenses shall not exceed twelve dollars per day, together with eight cents per mile in going to and returning from the meeting. The time spent in attending the meeting, exclusive of the time employed in traveling, shall not exceed three days. These expenses shall be paid by the respective townships.*

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE