

power, visitation by the public and admission fees, and shall have full authorization to sell or destroy any duplicate or inappropriate objects in the Landis Valley collection.

Section 6. The admission fees and the proceeds from the sale of any duplicate or inappropriate objects in the Landis Valley collections received by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall be paid through the Department of Revenue into the General Fund of the State Treasury, and are hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for the maintenance of existing buildings, the construction of new buildings, landscaping, and repair of antiquities at the Pennsylvania Farm Museum of Landis Valley.

Admission fees, etc., to be paid into General Fund of State Treasury, and appropriated to Commission for maintenance, etc., of said museum.

Section 7. The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for the acquisition of personal collections and other personal property, for maintenance, and the development of the Pennsylvania Farm Museum of Landis Valley; for the payment of fees or compensation to consulting curators, architects, landscape engineers and other specialized services; and for the purchase of necessary equipment, and other incidental and contingent expenses.

Appropriation.

Section 8. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 5th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 486

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred seventy-four (Pamphlet Laws 125), entitled "An act regulating State tax on certain county offices," by increasing the maximum amount of fees that certain county officers may retain before being required to pay over half the excess to the county treasurer.

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

Counties.

Section 1. Section 1 of the act, approved the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred seventy-four (Pamphlet Laws 125), entitled "An act regulating State tax on certain county offices," as last amended by the act, approved the second day of July, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2786), is hereby *further amended to read as follows:

Section 1, act of May 6, 1874, P. L. 125, as last amended by act of July 2, 1937, P. L. 2786, further amended

* "further" omitted in original.

Maximum amount of fees that may be retained by certain county officers in counties of less than 50,000 inhabitants, before being required to pay over half the excess to county treasurers, increased.

Proviso.

Presentment and filing of auditor's report.

Applicability of act.

Section 1. That in counties of less than [one hundred and] fifty thousand inhabitants, the prothonotaries or clerks of the several courts of common pleas, quarter sessions of the peace, oyer and terminer, and orphans' courts, the register of wills, and the recorder of deeds, shall keep, or cause to be kept, a fair and accurate account of all fees received for services performed by them or any person employed by them in their respective offices; and shall also, on the first Monday of January of each year, furnish a copy of said account, upon oath or affirmation, to the auditor appointed by the court to settle the accounts of county officers; and shall also pay to the county treasurer, for the use of the respective counties, after deducting all necessary clerk hire and office expenses, fifty per centum on the amount of any excess over and above the sum of [four thousand] *four thousand five hundred* dollars, which shall be found by the *said auditor, appointed by the court to settle the accounts of county officers, to have been received by any officer in any one year: Provided, That if two or more of said officers shall be held by one person, the said auditor shall add together the fees received in the offices so held, and shall charge the same percentage on the aggregate amount of fees received by such person holding more than one of said offices. A copy of the report of the said auditor, when completed, shall be presented by him to the court of common pleas of the respective counties, and filed among the records of said **court; which said report shall thereafter have all the force and effect of, and be subject to the same procedure as applies to, the report of the county auditors.

Section 2. This amendment shall be applicable to all of the pertinent county officers who shall begin a term of office on or after the first Monday of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two.

APPROVED—The 5th day of January, A. D. 1952.

Section 2 of this bill makes the increases in fees of certain county officers applicable to those who will begin a term of office on or after the first Monday of January, 1952. The bill did not arrive at my desk in time for me to approve it prior to the election of November 6, 1951. Article III, Section 13, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania prohibits the increase of emoluments of any public officer "after his election." Consequently, Section 2 of this bill is nullified by the Constitution as to those county officers elected November 6, 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

* "said" omitted in original.
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