

ter from said dam or dams and reservoir or reservoirs. Any diversion by the State of New Jersey or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be subject to restrictions or conditions that may be imposed by decree of the Supreme Court of the United States, or restrictions or conditions arrived at by Compact between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey.

Section 4. In connection with the construction of any such dam or dams and reservoir or reservoirs, real property in Pennsylvania may be acquired by purchase or may be taken by the exercise of the power of eminent domain. In concurring in this legislation, the State of New Jersey shall authorize the acquisition of land in New Jersey by purchase and by the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

Power of eminent domain granted for Pennsylvania.

Section 5. This act shall become operative when the State of New Jersey shall, prior to July 1, 1959, by Statute, accept the terms and conditions of this act and shall concur in the revocation of the Compact of April 26, 1783, to the extent provided herein. Upon the concurrence of the State of New Jersey, the act of June *30, 1955 (P. L. 216), will be repealed.

New Jersey to concur before this act becomes operative.

Section 6. This act shall become effective immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 5th day of July, A. D. 1957.

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No. 293

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, **and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined." increasing the minimum amount of contracts or leases of valuable minerals by the Department of Forests and Waters, which must be adver-

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tised and awarded on a competitive bid basis, and authorizing said department to enter into agreements for the removal of oil and gas beneath the waters of Lake Erie.

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Clause (g), section 1802, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, amended June 21, 1937, P. L. 1865, further amended.

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

Section 1. Clause (g) of section 1802, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended June 21, 1937 (P. L. 1865), is amended to read:

Section 1802. Forest Powers and Duties.—The Department of Forests and Waters shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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(g) Whenever it shall appear that the welfare of the Commonwealth, with reference to reforestation, and the betterment of the State forests, with respect to control, management, protection, utilization, development, and regulation, of their occupancy and use, will be advanced by selling or disposing of any of the timber on the State forests, to dispose of such timber on terms most advantageous to the State: Provided, That the department is authorized and directed to set aside, within the State forests, unusual or historical groves of trees, or natural features, especially worthy of permanent preservation, to make the same accessible and convenient for public use, and to dedicate them in perpetuity to the people of the State for their recreation and enjoyment. And the said department is hereby empowered, with the advice of the State Forest Commission, to make and execute contracts or leases, in the name of the Commonwealth, for the mining or removal of any valuable minerals that may be found in said State forests, *or of oil and gas beneath those waters of Lake Erie owned by the Commonwealth*, whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the department that it would be for the best interests of the State to make such disposition of said minerals: And provided further, That any proposed contracts or leases of valuable minerals, exceeding [three hundred dollars] *one thousand dollars* in value, shall have been advertised once a week for three weeks, in at least two newspapers published nearest the locality indicated, in advance of awarding such contract or lease. Such contracts or leases may then be awarded to the highest and best bidder, who shall give bond for the proper performance of the contract as the department shall designate.

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APPROVED—The 5th day of July, A. D. 1957.

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