

supervisors they shall, within fifteen days thereafter, certify such appointment to the clerk of the court of quarter sessions.

If the electors of any township shall fail to choose two or more supervisors, or if two or more persons elected to such offices shall neglect or refuse to serve therein, or if vacancies shall occur in two or more such offices by death, resignation, removal from the township, or otherwise, the court of quarter sessions shall appoint successors upon the presentation of a petition signed by not less than five registered electors. The successors so appointed shall hold the offices for the unexpired terms.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 134

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P. L. 103), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," providing for the consolidation of two townships in certain cases by the court of quarter sessions without submitting to a vote of the electors.

The Second Class Township Code.

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

Act of May 1, 1933 (P. L. 103) reenacted and amended July 10, 1947, P. L. 1481, further amended by adding section 211.1.

Section 1. The act of May 1, 1933 (P. L. 103), known as "The Second Class Township Code," reenacted and amended July 10, 1947 (P. L. 1481), is amended by adding, after section 211, a new section to read:

Section 211.1. Certain Townships Consolidated by Court.—(a) Upon petition by a majority of the county commissioners of any county and a majority of the supervisors of the other townships affected by the consolidation, any township in the county having a population of fifty persons or less may be consolidated by the court of quarter sessions with a contiguous township in the same county.

Such petition shall set forth the name of the proposed consolidated township which may be the same as the township concerned which has the larger population and the reasons for the proposed consolidation, and shall be accompanied by an accurate map or plot prepared by a registered surveyor or engineer, showing the lines of the proposed consolidated township and the present division line between the two townships.

(b) Upon its presentation, the court shall order the

petition filed and shall fix a time for hearing. Such notice of the filing of the petition and hearing shall be given as the court shall direct. If, after hearing, the court shall determine in favor of the petition, it shall order and decree the new or consolidated township agreeably to the name and lines set forth in the petition, and the new or consolidated township shall be organized and become effective on the first Monday of January next following.

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 135

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 29, 1937 (P. L. 526), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating joint purchases by counties (other than counties of the first class), cities of the second and third class, boroughs, towns, townships, school districts, institution *districts and poor districts," increasing the amount of expenditures without bids.

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

Section 1. Section 2, act of April 29, **1937 (P. L. 526), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating joint purchases by counties (other than counties of the first class), cities of the second and third class, boroughs, towns, townships, school districts, institution ***districts and poor districts," reenacted and amended July 28, 1941 (P. L. 544), is amended to read:

Section 2, act of April 29, 1937, P. L. 526, reenacted and amended July 28, 1941, P. L. 544, further amended.

Section 2. All such purchases involving the expenditure of over [five hundred dollars (\$500)] *one thousand dollars (\$1000)*, shall be in writing, and shall be made only after notice, by one of the political subdivisions joining therein, once a week for two weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in the political subdivision advertising the same. All plans and specifications shall be placed on file by each of the political subdivisions joining in such purchase at least fifteen days in advance of opening bids.

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

* "district" in original.
 ** "1941" in original.
 *** "district" in original.