

bail, and the issuance of discharges in criminal cases in the county of Philadelphia; conferring certain powers over magistrates and magistrates' courts, and imposing certain duties in connection therewith upon the judges of the courts of common pleas of the county of Philadelphia, the Attorney General and the District Attorney; providing for the appointment and employment of stenographers to report proceedings in certain cases heard by magistrates; fixing the salaries of persons employed by authority of this act; providing penalties for violations of the provisions thereof; and repealing certain prior acts," providing for the appointment of an acting chief magistrate.

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

1937 Magistrates' Court Act.

Section 1. The act of June 15, 1937 (P. L. 1743), known as the "1937 Magistrates' Court Act," is amended by adding, after section 32, a new section to read:

Act of June 15, 1937, P. L. 1743, amended by adding a new section 32.1.

*Section 32.1. The chief magistrate may, from time to time, appoint from among the magistrates an acting chief magistrate to act during the temporary absence or incapacity of the chief magistrate. Such acting chief magistrate shall serve at the pleasure of the chief magistrate. No magistrate shall receive additional compensation because of his appointment to this office.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of July, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 188

AN ACT

To authorize political subdivisions of this Commonwealth to establish an emergency temporary location or locations for their seats of government and to exercise governmental powers and functions thereat.

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

War time emergency.

Section 1. Whenever due to an emergency resulting from the effects of enemy attack or the anticipated effects of a threatened enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of local government at the regular or usual place or places thereof, the governing body of each political subdivision of this Commonwealth may meet at any place, within or without the territorial limits of such political subdivision, on the call of the presiding officer or any two members of such governing body, and shall proceed to estab-

Governing body of each political subdivision of Commonwealth authorized to establish emergency temporary locations of government within or without the Commonwealth.

lish and designate by ordinance, resolution or other manner, alternate or substitute sites or places, as the emergency temporary location or locations of government, where all or any part of the public business may be transacted and conducted during the emergency situation. Such sites or places may be within or without the territorial limits of such political subdivision and may be within or without this Commonwealth.

**Governing body to retain powers and exercise functions with validity and binding effect.**

Section 2. During the period when the public business is being conducted at the emergency temporary location or locations, the governing body and other officers of a political subdivision of this Commonwealth shall have and possess, and shall exercise at such location or locations all of the executive, legislative and judicial powers and functions conferred upon such body and officers by or under the laws of this Commonwealth. Such powers and functions may be exercised in the light of the exigencies of the emergency situation without regard to or compliance with time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law and pertaining thereto, and all acts of such body and officers shall be as valid and binding as if performed within the territorial limits of their political subdivision.

**Supreme law controlling.**

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall control and be supreme, in the event it shall be employed, notwithstanding any statutory charter or ordinance provision to the contrary or in conflict herewith.

**Act effective immediately.**

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of July, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 189

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P. L. 682), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," permitting certain additional insurance companies to come within the provisions thereof.

**The Insurance Company Law of 1921.**

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