

provided for by law for judges learned in the law as if the same office had been established in the time of and subject to the provisions of the act of June 1, 1956 (P.L. 1959), entitled "An act fixing the salaries and compensation of the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court, the President Judge and judges of the Superior Court, the judges of the courts of common pleas, the judges of the orphans' courts, the judges of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia and the judges of the County Court and Juvenile Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned in the law, certain State officers and the salary and expenses of the members of the General Assembly, and repealing certain inconsistent acts."

Section 2. At the municipal election in November, 1961, the qualified electors of the fifteenth judicial district shall elect in the same manner prescribed by law for the election of the president judge of the court of common pleas of the district one competent person learned in the law to serve as an additional law judge of the court of common pleas of the fifteenth judicial district from the first Monday in January, 1962, for a term of ten years. Vacancies in the office hereby created whether caused by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled in the same manner as is required by law in case of a similar vacancy in the office of president judge of the court.

Election of  
judge.

Section 3. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a competent person learned in the law as such additional law judge of the court of common pleas of the said fifteenth judicial district to serve until the first Monday of January, 1962.

Governor  
empowered  
to appoint.

Section 4. The sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying the salary of the additional law judge provided by this act during the fiscal biennium ending May 31, 1961.

Appropriation.

Section 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 1960.

Effective date.

APPROVED—The 30th day of December, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 773

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 14, 1949 (P. L. 482), entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing and requiring cities, boroughs, townships, municipal authorities and public utility companies engaged in the supplying of water, to shut off the supply of

water for nonpayment of sewer, sewerage, or sewage treatment rentals, rates, or charges imposed by municipal authorities organized by counties of the second class, by cities of the second class, by cities of the second class A, by cities of the third class, by boroughs or by townships of the first or second class; authorizing and requiring them to supply to such authorities lists of metered water readings and flat-rate water bills and other data; authorizing them to act as billing and collecting agents for such authorities; and conferring certain powers upon the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in connection therewith," authorizing municipalities which impose charges for sewerage as lessee of authorities and also supply water to premises, to shut off water thereto without prior request or assignment of claim or lien from the authority, and placing certain conditions and limitations upon the powers and duties conferred by the act.

**Water supply.**

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

Section 1, act of April 14, 1949, P. L. 482, reenacted and amended September 7, 1955, P. L. 576 and amended July 10, 1957, P. L. 622, further amended.

Section 1. Section 1, act of April 14, 1949 (P. L. 482), entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing and requiring cities, boroughs, townships, municipal authorities and public utility companies engaged in the supplying of water, to shut off the supply of water for nonpayment of sewer, sewerage, or sewage treatment rentals, rates, or charges imposed by municipal authorities organized by counties of the second class, by cities of the second class, by cities of the second class A, by cities of the third class, by boroughs or by townships of the first or second class; authorizing and requiring them to supply to such authorities lists of metered water readings and flat-rate water bills and other data; authorizing them to act as billing and collecting agents for such authorities; and conferring certain powers upon the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in connection therewith," reenacted and amended September 7, 1955 (P. L. 576) and amended July 10, 1957 (P. L. 622), is amended to read:

**Right to shut off water upon failure to pay.**

Section 1. If the owner or occupant of premises served by any water utility, as hereinafter defined, shall neglect or fail to pay, for a period of thirty (30) days from the due date thereof, any rental, rate or charge for sewer, sewerage, or sewage treatment service imposed by any municipal authority organized by any county of the second class, by any city of the second class, by any city of the second class A, by any city of the third class, by any borough or by any township of the first or second class, such water utility is hereby authorized and required, at the request and direction of such authority, or of the city, borough, or township to which the authority shall have assigned its claim or lien for such service, to shut off the supply of water to such premises until all such overdue rentals, rates and charges, together with any penalties and interest thereon, shall be paid. If

such authority or such city, borough, or township shall also supply water to any premises, it is hereby authorized to shut off the supply of water to such premises, as herein set forth. *If the rental rate or charge for sewer, sewerage or sewage treatment service is imposed by a municipality as lessee of an authority organized as aforesaid and the said lessee shall also supply water to such premises, then such municipality is hereby authorized to shut off the supply of water to such premises as herein set forth without prior request from said authority or without prior assignment of its claim or lien for such services. In no case shall the water supply be shut off to any premises until ten days after written notice of an intention so to do has been mailed to the person liable for payment of the rentals and charges, and in addition thereto, there has been posted a written notice at a main entrance to the premises. If during such ten day period, the person liable for the payment of the rentals and charges delivers to the water utility authority or municipality supplying water to the premises a written statement, under oath or affirmation, stating that he has a just defense to the claim, or part of it, for such rentals or charges, then the water supply shall not be shut off until the claim has been judicially determined. The statement shall also contain a declaration under oath or affirmation that it was not executed for the purpose of delay.*

Written notice  
required.

APPROVED—The 30th day of December, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 774

AN ACT

Authorizing the recapitalization of limited life insurance companies and limiting the amounts for which such companies may issue policies.

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

Limited life  
insurance  
companies.

Section 1. Any limited life insurance company, in addition to powers heretofore granted to it, is hereby specifically empowered to issue policies agreeing to pay a total of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in event of death from natural causes nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in event of death from accidental causes, and may issue policies of endowment insurance agreeing to pay not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) upon maturity thereof: Provided, That the total amount of insurance issued by the company

Additional  
powers  
authorized.

Proviso.