

disability, such judgment shall be in the sum of thirty thousand dollars. If the agreement be approved by the department, or compensation awarded as claimed in the petition, the amount of compensation stipulated in the agreement or claimed in the petition shall be a lien, as of the date when the agreement or petition was filed with the prothonotary. Pending the approval of the agreement or the award of compensation, no other lien which may be attached to the employer's property during such time shall gain priority over the lien of such agreement or award, but no execution shall issue on any compensation judgment before the approval of the agreement or the award of compensation on the said petition.

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APPROVED—The 30th day of September, A. D. 1961.

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No. 711

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 15, 1957 (P. L. 901), entitled "An act giving cities of the third class the right and power to adopt one of several plans of optional charters and to exercise the powers and authority of local self-government subject to certain restrictions and limitations; providing procedures for such adoption and defining the effect thereof," to permit cities adopting an optional charter plan under said act to provide for the hearing of appeals from assessments and the revision thereof by an administrative procedure.

Optional Third  
Class City Char-  
ter Law.

Section 305, act  
of July 15, 1957,  
P. L. 901,  
amended.

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

Section 1. Section 305, act of July 15, 1957 (P. L. 901), known as the "Optional Third Class City Charter Law," is amended to read:

Section 305. The charter of any city adopted in accordance with this act shall not give any power or authority to diminish any rights or privileges of any present city employe in his pension or retirement system. Terms of office of a mayor, treasurer, controller or members of council elected to or holding office prior to adoption of a charter shall not be terminated prior to the time for which elected. No city shall exercise any powers or authority beyond the city limits except such

as are conferred by an act of the General Assembly, and no city shall engage in any proprietary or private business except as authorized by the General Assembly. Notwithstanding the grant of powers contained in this act, no city shall exercise powers contrary to or in limitation or enlargement of powers granted to the city by acts of the General Assembly which are:

(1) Applicable to a class or classes of cities on the following subjects:

(i) Providing for the filing and collection of municipal and tax claims or liens and for the sale of real or personal property in satisfaction thereof.

(ii) Providing for the exercise of the power of eminent domain and the procedure for the condemnation of property for public purposes.

(iii) Providing for the assessment of damages and benefits for property taken, injured or destroyed.

(iv) Providing methods for the incurring or increasing of indebtedness.

(v) Providing for the annexation or exclusion or detachment of territory.

(vi) Regulating public schools.

(vii) Providing for the personal registration of electors.

(viii) Limiting rates and fixing subjects of taxation.

(ix) Providing for the assessment of real or personal property and persons for taxation purposes, *except that any city adopting one of the optional charter plans provided under this act which has not elected to become subject to the provisions of the act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 571), known as "The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law," may, by ordinance, provide for the hearing of appeals from assessments made by the city assessor and the revision thereof by an administrative agency rather than by council: Provided, That in so doing such city shall adhere to the requirements of general law regarding notice to taxables and the right of a person to appeal.*

(x) Relating to civil service.

(xi) Relating to public health.

(2) Applicable in every part of the Commonwealth.

(3) Applicable to all the cities of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective  
immediately.

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