

second class costing [three hundred dollars (\$300)] one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or more, [but less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000),] in school districts of the first class, first class A, [or] second class, [and costing three hundred dollars (\$300) or more, but less than five hundred dollars (\$500), in school districts of the] third class and fourth class, from the lowest responsible bidder, after soliciting sealed quotations from two or more firms, manufacturers or dealers in such supplies, when the kind, quality and material are equal: Provided, That the board of school directors may authorize the secretary of the board or other executive to make such purchases of supplies of the second class in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of January, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 430

AN ACT

HB 1851

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," increasing the authorized amounts of the annual assessments for the necessary expenses of the various associations of county officials.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 444, act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), known as "The County Code," amended August 11, 1967 (Act No. 81) and September 1, 1967 (Act No. 120), is amended to read:

Section 444. Other Meeting Expenses Paid by Counties.—* * *

(b) In the case of county commissioners, county solicitor and county clerk, county controllers, county auditors, sheriffs, registers of wills, clerks of orphans' courts, county treasurers, recorders of deeds, prothonotaries, clerks of courts of quarter sessions, district attorneys and coroners, the portion of the annual expenses charged to each county shall not exceed [seventy-five dollars (\$75)] one hundred dollars (\$100), in the case of the directors of veterans' affairs and jury com-

missioners the portion charged to each county shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50), and in the case of the probation officers an annual membership subscription not exceeding six dollars (\$6) per member shall be paid by the county, and shall be in lieu of the expenses hereinbefore in this section provided for other county officers.

Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 445 of this act is amended to read:

Section 445. Annual Assessments for County Commissioners, Etc.—(a) In addition to the expenses hereinbefore authorized, the necessary expenses of the association of county commissioners, county solicitors and chief clerks shall be apportioned among the counties holding membership in the association in amounts provided for by the rules and regulations of the association but shall not total more than:

(1) [Three hundred dollars (\$300)] six hundred dollars (\$600) for any county of the third class;

(2) [Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)] five hundred dollars (\$500) for any county of the fourth class;

(3) [Two hundred dollars (\$200)] four hundred dollars (\$400) for any county of the fifth class;

(4) [One hundred fifty dollars (\$150)] three hundred dollars (\$300) for any county of the sixth class;

(5) [One hundred dollars (\$100)] two hundred dollars (\$200) for any county of the seventh class; or

(6) [Seventy-five dollars (\$75)] one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for any county of the eighth class per annum.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of January, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 431

AN ACT

HB 1862

Amending the act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," making it illegal for certain persons to hold another person as a hostage and providing penalties.