

No. 328

AN ACT

SB 1679

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," eliminating certain bonding and escrow requirements with relation to depositories of county money.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1762, act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), known as "The County Code," is amended to read:

Section 1762. Depositories.—* * *

(b) Depositories so designated shall, upon receipt of notice of their selection as a depository of county funds, furnish a bond to secure payment of deposits and any interest to the county, secured by a surety company, or by the depositing in escrow of securities to be approved by the county commissioners. The parties may, by agreement, provide for substitution of securities so held in escrow, the securities in every case to be approved by the commissioners. Such bonds shall be in a sum to be fixed by resolution of the county commissioners. The depository shall not be required to furnish a bond or deposit securities in escrow to secure payment of deposits and interest insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of November, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 329

AN ACT

SB 1685

Providing for the growth and development of noncommercial educational television; creating the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission as an independent commission and defining its powers and duties.

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

Section 1. Declaration of Public Policy.—The General Assembly hereby declares that it is in the public interest of the Commonwealth to encourage and develop the growth of noncommercial educational television broadcasting, including the use of such media for instructional purposes; that the expansion and development of noncommercial educational television broadcasting and its programming diversity depend on freedom, imagination and initiative; that it furthers the general welfare to encourage such programming which will be responsive to the interests of people throughout the Commonwealth and which will constitute an expression of diversity and excellence; that it is necessary and appropriate for the State government to complement, assist and support a policy that will most effectively make noncommercial educational television service available to the people of the Commonwealth; and that an independent commission should be created to facilitate the development of educational television broadcasting and to afford maximum protection from extraneous interference and control.

Section 2. Creation of Commission.—There is hereby created the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, hereinafter referred to as “commission,” as an independent commission with powers to encourage the growth and development of noncommercial television broadcasting and programming. Such commission shall consist of twenty-two commissioners, who shall be appointed or designated as follows: The Governor shall appoint six members, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate for a term of six years, who shall be selected so as to provide a broad representation as nearly as practicable, of various professions and occupations and various kinds of talent and experience appropriate to the functions and responsibilities of the commission. The Governor shall also appoint a representative of private education and a representative of public education and shall designate the chairman of the commission.

The following shall be ex officio members of the commission: the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his nominee; the chairman of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts; the chairman of the Network Operations Committee; and a member from each of the seven governing boards of public television station licensees serving the Commonwealth.

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the minority leader of the House shall each appoint one member of their respective Chambers and insure that there is majority and minority party representation.

Such commissioners shall receive no salary but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The commission shall appoint such deputies, secretaries, officers as it may deem necessary, and shall perform all things necessary and proper, consistent with the powers and duties imposed upon it by this act.

Such commission shall, annually, make a full report to the Governor and the General Assembly as soon as possible after the close of each

fiscal year, and make such other reports at such intervals as it deems necessary and advisable.

Section 3. Powers and Duties of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission.—The powers and duties of the commission shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) To assist, develop and support a statewide policy to encourage the growth and development of a dynamic, free and effective public television service;

(2) To make grants to public television stations serving Pennsylvania to aid in the improvement of their broadcast operations, programming, and capital facilities;

(3) To establish and develop and operate, on behalf of the Commonwealth, a public television network system interconnecting all non-commercial television stations serving Pennsylvania;

(4) To insure the diversity of programming to allow for freedom, imagination, objectivity and initiative on both the State and local level and to insure that the networks shall not be misused for political or other propaganda purposes contrary to the Federal Constitution or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

(5) To apply for, receive and distribute Federal funds, State funds and public or private funds from any source whatsoever, and to serve as a coordination agency in connection with those funds which are available through the Federal Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 and other Federal legislation now or hereinafter enacted;

(6) To enter into contracts, leases and other arrangements to own and operate interconnection and switching facilities and equipment pertinent to a statewide network and to apply to the Federal Communications Commission and other Federal agencies for such licenses necessary to operate and maintain such a network;

(7) To contract with or make plans with other agencies or individuals to program productions and otherwise to procure educational and public television programs for distribution to the noncommercial educational television network;

(8) To conduct research, demonstration and training activities in matters relating to noncommercial educational and public television broadcasting;

(9) To establish and maintain a library and archives for programs and related materials and to develop and promote public awareness of and disseminate information concerning noncommercial educational and public television; and

(10) To do all things necessary and proper to effectuate the provisions of this act which are not inconsistent with law, and to promulgate rules and regulations relative thereto.

Section 4. Contracts.—All contracts or purchases made by the commission involving the expenditure of over one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), except those involving personal services or items that can only be obtained from one source, shall be in writing, awarded on the basis of competitive bidding and shall be made only

after notice of the proposed contract or purchase is published in at least twelve newspapers, as the commission shall determine will be sufficient to ensure distribution of the notice throughout the Commonwealth, at least twenty days before the letting of the contract or purchase.

Section 5. Effective Date.—This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of November, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 330

AN ACT

HB 2106

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," authorizing certain warning devices on all motor vehicles.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 820, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended December 21, 1959¹ (P. L. 1965), is amended to read:

Section 820. Horns and Warning Devices.—

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(c) It shall be lawful for any owner or operator of a [commercial] motor vehicle to equip the vehicle with a warning device of a type approved by the secretary, to which there may be attached, operated and made a part thereof, in such manner as the secretary may prescribe, a siren, bell, compression or spark plug whistle. The warning device authorized by this subsection shall not be used while the vehicle is in motion or for any purpose other than to sound a warning to the public and the police of an attempted robbery or burglary of the [freight or merchandise transported in the] vehicle or the contents thereof, or, in the case of commercial motor vehicles, to sound a warning that the vehicle is about to move backward or is moving backward.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

¹ "(P. L." not in original.