

No. 276

## AN ACT

## HB 1925

Amending the act of July 25, 1961 (P.L.849, No.367), entitled "An act authorizing facsimile signatures and seals of certain public officials; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and providing penalties," to include all school districts.

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

Section 1. Sections 1, 3 and 4, act of July 25, 1961 (P.L.849, No.367), known as the "Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act," amended March 23, 1972 (P.L.131, No.50) are amended to read:

Section 1. Definitions.—As used in this act—

(a) "Public Security" means a bond, note, certificate of indebtedness, or other obligation for the payment of money, issued by this Commonwealth or by any of its departments, agencies, authorities, other instrumentalities, any school district **[of the first class or]**, any county of the second class or any authority created by school districts of the Commonwealth.

(b) "Instrument of Payment" means a check, draft, warrant, or order for the payment, delivery, or transfer of funds.

(c) "Authorized Officer" means any official of this Commonwealth or any of its departments, agencies, authorities, other instrumentalities, any school district **[of the first class or]**, any county of the second class or any authority created by school districts of the Commonwealth whose signature to a public security or instrument of payment is required or permitted.

(d) "Facsimile Signature" means a reproduction by engraving, imprinting, stamping, or other means of the manual signature of an authorized officer.

Section 3. Use of Facsimile Seal.—When the seal of this Commonwealth or any of its departments, agencies, authorities, other instrumentalities, school districts **[of the first class, or]**, any county of the second class, or any authority created by school districts of the Commonwealth is required in execution of a public security or instrument of payment, the authorized officer may cause the seal to be printed, engraved, stamped or otherwise placed in facsimile thereon. The facsimile seal has the same legal effect as the impression of the seal.

Section 4. Violation and Penalty.—Any person who with intent to defraud uses on public security or an instrument of payment:

(a) A facsimile signature, or any reproduction of it, of any authorized officer, or

(b) Any facsimile seal, or any reproduction of it, of this Commonwealth or any of its departments, agencies, authorities, other

instrumentalities, any school district **[of the first class or]**, any county of the second class, or any authority created by school districts of the Commonwealth is guilty of a felony, and on conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or undergo imprisonment by separate or solitary confinement at labor not exceeding five years, or both.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 10th day of December, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 276.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "M".

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*