

of two years, and the township commissioners elected at large and in odd-numbered districts shall be elected for a term of four years, or vice versa, as the case may be, in order that the terms may harmonize with the elections in townships organized prior to the passage of this act," is hereby amended to read as follows:—

When any township of the first class is organized, there shall be elected, at the municipal election following, one township commissioner from each election district, who need not reside in the election district for which he is elected. In any such townships having less than five election districts, the number of township commissioners shall be five, and the number of commissioners equal to the difference between five and the number of election districts shall be elected at large. At such election the township commissioners elected in even-numbered districts shall be elected for a term of two years, and the township commissioners elected at large and in odd-numbered districts shall be elected for a term of four years, or vice versa, as the case may be, *and in townships not divided into election districts, two of said commissioners shall be elected for a two year term and three for a four year term*, in order that the terms may harmonize with the elections in townships organized prior to the passage of this act.

Township commissioners.

Townships not divided into districts.

APPROVED—The 26th day of April, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 144.

AN ACT

To amend sections two and three of an act, approved the ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred fourteen), entitled "An act providing for the erection and construction by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey of a bridge over the Delaware River, connecting the city of Philadelphia and the city of Camden, and the approaches thereto; providing for a joint commission for that purpose, and defining its powers and duties; providing for an independent commission in this Commonwealth in relation thereto, and defining its powers and duties; providing for the payment of a part of the cost thereof by the city of Philadelphia; and providing for the acquiring, taking, and condemnation of the real estate for the site and approaches thereof; providing for the turning over of said bridge upon its completion; and making an appropriation for the purposes of this act."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of an act, approved the ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred fourteen), entitled "An act providing for the erection and construction by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey of a bridge over the Delaware River, connecting the city of Philadelphia and the city of Camden, and the approaches

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thereto; providing for a joint commission for that purpose, and defining its powers and duties; providing for an independent commission in this Commonwealth in relation thereto, and defining its powers and duties; providing for the payment of a part of the cost thereof by the city of Philadelphia; and providing for the acquiring, taking, and condemnation of the real estate for the site and approaches thereof; providing for the turning over of said bridge upon its completion; and making an appropriation for the purposes of this act," which reads as follows:—

Section 2, act of
July 9, 1919 (P.
L. 814), cited for
amendment.

"Section 2. The word 'bridge,' whenever used in this act, shall include the actual bridge between the shore lines of the river and approaches thereto, including the substructures and superstructures of both. The word 'approaches,' whenever used in this act, shall be construed to mean all that portion of the bridge extending from the beginning of the approach to the furthestmost abutment of the bridge on the same side of the river, but not to include such abutment. The word 'superstructure,' whenever used in this act, shall be construed to mean all that portion of the bridge between the approaches. The term 'substructure,' whenever used in this act, shall include all that portion of the bridge not included within the meaning of the definition of superstructure or the approaches, and shall include the piers and abutments. The term 'cost of construction,' as used in this act, shall include the cost of constructing the superstructure and substructure of the bridge and the approaches thereto, and the cost of acquisition of the ground for the site of said bridge and the approaches thereto, including any franchises, easement, rights, or damages incident thereto or consequent upon the taking thereof. The 'Pennsylvania commission,' as used in this act, shall be construed to mean the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, and *two* other citizens of the Commonwealth to be appointed by the Governor. The term 'interstate bridge commission,' as used in this act, shall be construed to mean the New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission. The 'joint commission,' as referred to in this act, shall mean the New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission and the Pennsylvania commission, acting as a joint commission for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey. The term 'owner,' as used in this act, shall be construed to mean all individuals, incorporated companies and religious, benevolent, literary, or other societies or associations, having any title or interest in lands, structures, rights of way, franchises, easements, or other interests in land," is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Section 2. The word "bridge," whenever used in this act, shall include the actual bridge between the shore lines of the river and the approaches thereto, including the substructures and superstructures of both. The word "approaches," whenever used in this act, shall be construed to mean all that portion of the bridge extending from the beginning of the approach to the furthestmost abutment of the bridge on the same side of the river, but not to include such abutment. The word "superstructure," whenever used in this act, shall be construed to mean all that portion of the bridge between the approaches. The term "substructure," whenever used in this act, shall include all that portion of the bridge not included within the meaning of the definition of superstructure or the approaches, and shall include the piers and abutments. The term "cost of construction," as used in this act, shall include the cost of constructing the superstructure and substructure of the bridge and the approaches thereto, and the cost of acquisition of the ground for the site of said bridge and the approaches thereto, including any franchises, easement, rights, or damages incident thereto or consequent upon the taking thereof. The "Pennsylvania commission," as used in this act, shall be construed to mean the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, and *four* other citizens of the Commonwealth, to be appointed by the Governor. The term "interstate bridge commission," as used in this act, shall be construed to mean the New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission. The "joint commission," as referred to in this act, shall mean the New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission and the Pennsylvania commission, acting as a joint commission for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey. The term "owner," as used in this act, shall be construed to mean all individuals, incorporated companies, and religious, benevolent, literary, or other societies or associations, having any title or interest in lands, structures, rights of way, franchises, easements, or other interests in lands.

Section 2. Section three of said act, which reads as follows:—

"Section 3. That the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, and *two* other citizens of the Commonwealth, to be appointed by the Governor, are hereby constituted a commission to act in conjunction with a similar commission of the State of New Jersey as a joint commission for the purpose of constructing a bridge over the Delaware River connecting the city of Philadelphia,

Definitions.

Section 3, act of July 9, 1919 (P. L. 814), cited for amendment.

in the State of Pennsylvania, and the city of Camden, in the State of New Jersey. No action of the said joint commission shall be valid and binding unless a majority of the Pennsylvania commission and a majority of the New Jersey commission shall vote in favor thereof," is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Personnel of
commission.

Section 3. That the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, and *four* other citizens of the Commonwealth to be appointed by the Governor, are hereby constituted a commission to act in conjunction with a similar commission of the State of New Jersey as a joint commission for the purpose of constructing a bridge over the Delaware River connecting the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, and the city of Camden, in the State of New Jersey. No action of the said joint commission shall be valid and binding unless a majority of the Pennsylvania commission and a majority of the New Jersey commission shall vote in favor thereof.

APPROVED—The 26th day of April, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 145.

AN ACT

Validating certain proceedings and elections of counties, cities, boroughs, townships, school districts, and other incorporated districts or municipalities, had and held pursuant to the provisions of an act, approved the twentieth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act to regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities, to provide for the redemption of the same, and to impose penalties for the illegal increase thereof," and the amendments and supplements thereto: and validating bonds issued or authorized to be issued in pursuance to such proceedings and elections.

Municipalities.
Elections to in-
crease indebted-
ness.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all proceedings and elections heretofore had and held by any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district within this Commonwealth, to increase its indebtedness under the method or procedure specified by the provisions of an act of Assembly, entitled "An act to regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities, to provide for the redemption of the same, and to impose penalties for the illegal increase thereof," approved the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, where the majority of votes cast at such election was in favor of the increase of indebtedness, be, and the same are hereby, ratified.