

No. 185.

AN ACT

Relating to poor districts coextensive with counties of the fourth class; authorizing the directors of such district to sell real estate no longer suitable for the support, maintenance, and employment of the poor of their respective districts, and to purchase such real estate as may be necessary for such support, maintenance, and employment, and to construct thereon such buildings as may be necessary, and to equip and furnish the same; validating the title to real estate heretofore purchased by such directors; and providing for the borrowing of money and the issue of bonds by the county commissioners to accomplish the purposes of this act.

Counties of the
fourth class.
Poor districts.

Sale of real es-
tate.

Purchase of real
estate.

Validation of
previous pur-
chases.

Disposition of
proceeds of sale.

Erection and
equipment of
buildings.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the directors of the poor in districts of this Commonwealth which are coextensive with counties of the fourth class are hereby authorized, whenever the real estate of any such poor district shall, in the opinion of the majority of the directors of such district, become inadequate and unsuitable for maintaining, employing, and caring for the poor of such district and county, such poor directors may, with the consent and approval of the court of quarter sessions of such county, sell such real estate at a price to be approved by said court; and may purchase, with a like consent and approval of such court, such other real estate as they may deem necessary for the purchase aforesaid; and the title of any such real estate heretofore purchased and acquired by any such board of poor directors, under and by authority of an order of the court of quarter sessions of such county, not in conflict with law, is hereby ratified and declared indefeasible.

Section 2. Whenever any real estate shall be sold as hereinbefore provided, the proceeds therefrom shall be paid to the commissioners of the county coextensive with such poor district, to be used by them for the purpose of redeeming any bonds or obligations which may be issued for the purpose and in the manner hereinafter provided, and for the payment of interest on such bonds and obligations.

Section 3. Said directors are also hereby authorized and empowered to erect, complete, equip, and furnish, at an expense to be approved by the court of quarter sessions of such county, and according to plans and specifications approved by said board of directors, suitable and proper buildings on any real estate so purchased for the maintenance, employment, support, and care of the poor of such district, and the said directors may also, for the same purpose, remodel, alter, and furnish any building or buildings, now constructed or in the course of construction on such real estate, at an expense to be also approved by the said court.

Section 4. To carry out the provisions of this act, the county commissioners of such county shall have the power, and it shall be their duty, to procure a loan or loans for such an amount as the court of quarter sessions of such county may approve of, and the proceeds of such loan or loans shall be turned over to the said directors of the poor, and the same, together with any funds in the hands of said directors, except moneys specifically appropriated for the maintenance of the poor of such county, shall be used and expended exclusively for the purchase of such real estate and for the erection, construction, equipment, and furnishing of suitable and proper buildings thereon and for the alteration, remodeling, and furnishing of buildings erected or in the course of erection thereon.

County commissioners may borrow money.

Disposition of proceeds of loans.

Section 5. To secure the loan or loans provided for in the preceding section of this act, the county commissioners of such county may issue bonds, upon terms, for such length of time, and in such denominations, as they may deem advisable.

Bonds.

Section 6. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest of said bonds, the county commissioners of such county may levy tax in addition to taxes for current expenses of said county, the same to be levied and collected in the same manner as taxes for general purposes are levied and collected: Provided, however, That the total amount of said special tax in any year shall not exceed fifty per cent. of the total amount awarded to the directors of the poor of said county for the maintenance of the poor therein for that year.

Taxation.

Proviso.

APPROVED—The 5th day of May, A. D. 1921.

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AN ACT

To further amend section eight of the act, approved the seventeenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and six (Pamphlet Laws, forty-five), entitled "An act to regulate the deposits of State funds, to prescribe the method of selecting State depositories, to limit the amount of State deposits, to provide for the security of such deposits, to fix the rate of interest thereon, to provide for the publication of monthly statements of moneys in the general and sinking funds, to declare it a misdemeanor to give or take anything of value for obtaining the same, and prescribing penalties for violations of this act," by fixing the rate of interest to be paid by active and nonactive depositories.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section eight of the act, approved the seventeenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and six (Pamphlet Laws, forty-five), entitled "An act to regulate the deposits of State funds, to prescribe the method of selecting

State depositories.