

AN ACT

To amend section forty-three of the act, approved the tenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and fifty-seven), entitled "An act to provide for the personal registration of electors as a condition of their right to vote at elections, and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition of their right to vote at primaries, in cities of the first class of this Commonwealth, by removing from office all existing registration commissioners and their appointees in said cities, and authorizing the Governor to appoint registration commissions therein; defining the jurisdiction of said commissions, and the powers and duties of the commissioners constituting same, and of their appointees, including registrars, inspectors of registration, clerks, and counsel; fixing their qualifications, terms of office, and compensation; granting them certain immunity from arrest on registration days; and empowering such inspectors to arrest without warrant certain persons committing certain offenses in violation of this act in their presence, as well as to enter and inspect buildings given as residences of electors to interrogate the inmates thereof, to copy or demand a list of the lodgers therein, and to supervise the conduct of registrars; regulating the registration of electors at polling places by registrars, and at the offices of commissions by commissioners, and the right of parties or bodies of electors to have watchers thereat, and the preparation and use of street lists and other records of those registered; allowing the names of persons not entitled to vote to be struck from the registers in certain cases; permitting all records regarding registration to be inspected and copied by any elector under certain conditions; directing how the registers shall be used at elections and primaries; compelling the attendance of witnesses and payment of witness fees; and providing penalties for refusal to obey subpoenas; directing receivers of taxes to appoint chief clerks of commissions as deputies to collect poll taxes and to give receipts therefor; authorizing such clerks to administer oaths, sign subpoenas and vouchers, and to collect and disburse witness fees; prescribing a method for challenging persons applying for registration, and the procedure for the correction of registers, and for appealing from actions of registrars to said commissions; and allowing for appeals from the decisions of the commissions in certain cases to courts of common pleas; imposing certain duties upon election officers and upon the councils, treasurers, controllers, receivers of taxes, police officers, and other officials of said cities and upon the courts, judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, commissioners, peace officers, and other officials of the judicial districts and counties in which said cities are situated or with which they are coextensive; legalizing certain acts required hereby if done on any Sunday or legal holiday; requiring said cities to provide for the maintenance of said commissions, and the compensation of their appointees, and the payment of all expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and to transfer the unexpended balances of all appropriations heretofore made for the personal registration of electors of said cities during the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen to and for the use of the said commissions; punishing and fixing penalties for violation hereof; and repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith," so as to increase the maximum compensation to be paid to the chief clerk of the registration commission.

Cities of first class.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section forty-three of an act, approved the tenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and fifty-seven), entitled "An act to provide for the personal registration of electors as a condition of their right to vote at elections, and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition of their right to vote at primaries, in cities of the first class of this Commonwealth, by removing

from office all existing registration commissioners and their appointees in said cities, and authorizing the Governor to appoint registration commissioners therein; defining the jurisdiction of said commissions, and the powers and duties of the commissioners constituting same, and of their appointees, including registrars, inspectors of registration, clerks, and counsel; fixing their qualifications, terms of office, and compensation; granting them certain immunity from arrest on registration days; and empowering such inspectors to arrest without warrant certain persons committing certain offenses in violation of this act in their presence, as well as to enter and inspect buildings given as residences of electors to interrogate the inmates thereof, to copy or demand a list of the lodgers therein, and to supervise the conduct of registrars; regulating the registration of electors at polling places by registrars, and at the offices of commissions by commissioners, and the right of parties or bodies of electors to have watchers thereat, and the preparation and use of street lists and other records of those registered; allowing the names of persons not entitled to vote to be struck from the registers in certain cases; permitting all records regarding registration to be inspected and copied by any elector under certain conditions; directing how the registers shall be used at elections and primaries; compelling the attendance of witnesses and payment of witness fees; and providing penalties for refusal to obey subpoenas; directing receivers of taxes to appoint chief clerks of commissions as deputies to collect poll taxes and to give receipts therefor; authorizing such clerks to administer oaths, sign subpoenas and vouchers, and to collect and disburse witness fees; prescribing a method for challenging persons applying for registration, and a procedure for the correction of registers, and for appealing from actions of registrars to said commissions; and allowing for appeals from the decisions of the commissions in certain cases to courts of common pleas; imposing certain duties upon election officers and upon the councils, treasurers, **controllers, receivers of taxes, police officers, and other officials of said cities and upon the courts, judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, commissioners, peace officers, and other officials of the judicial districts and counties in which said cities are situated or with which they are coextensive; legalizing certain acts required hereby if done on any Sunday or legal holiday; requiring said cities to provide for the maintenance of said commissions, and the compensation of their appointees, and the payment of all expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and to transfer the unexpended balances of all appropriations heretofore made for the personal registration of electors of said cities during the year one thousand nine hundred and**

nineteen to and for the use of the said commissions; punishing and fixing penalties for violations hereof; and repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith," which reads as follows:—

Section 43, act of July 10, 1919 (P. L. 857), cited for amendment.

"Section 43. The commissioners shall have power to appoint a chief clerk (who shall have power to administer oaths), and to fix his compensation at a sum not exceeding *twenty-five* hundred dollars per annum; two assistant clerks, at salaries not over eighteen hundred dollars per annum for each; a stenographer (who may act as a clerk), who shall receive not more than fifteen hundred dollars per annum; one or two custodians of the records to guard the same while they are open to the public inspection, each of whom shall receive not more than twelve hundred dollars per annum; a messenger, who shall receive not more than one thousand dollars per annum; as many clerks as they may deem necessary from time to time, at a compensation not exceeding four dollars per diem for the time actually employed; such inspectors of registration as they may deem necessary from time to time, at a compensation not exceeding five dollars per diem for the time actually employed, except on days when the registrars are in session at the polling places, when said inspectors shall be paid at the same rate of compensation as the registrars and registrars as aforesaid, who shall be paid for their services at the rate of ten dollars for each day that they are in session at the polling places (payable after they deliver the registers, et cetera, to the commission as herein provided) and at the same rate as other witnesses when they are summoned to appear before the commission or the court of common pleas," is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Employees of registration commission and their salaries.

Section 43. The commissioners shall have power to appoint a chief clerk (who shall have power to administer oaths), and to fix his compensation at a sum not exceeding *thirty-five* hundred dollars per annum; two assistant clerks, at salaries not over eighteen hundred dollars per annum for each; a stenographer (who may act as a clerk), who shall receive not more than fifteen hundred dollars per annum; one or two custodians of the records to guard the same while they are open to the public inspection, each of whom shall receive not more than twelve hundred dollars per annum; a messenger, who shall receive not more than one thousand dollars per annum; as many clerks as they may deem necessary from time to time, at a compensation not exceeding four dollars per diem for the time actually employed; such inspectors of registration as they may deem necessary from time to time, at a compensation not exceeding five dollars per diem for the time actually employed, except

on days when the registrars are in session at the polling places, when said inspectors shall be paid at the same rate of compensation as the registrars and registrars as aforesaid, who shall be paid for their services at the rate of ten dollars for each day that they are in session at the polling places (payable after they deliver the registers, et cetera, to the commission as herein provided) and at the same rate as other witnesses when they are summoned to appear before the commission or the court of common pleas.

APPROVED—The 20th day of May, A. D. 1921.

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No. 359.

AN ACT

To amend section one of the act, approved the seventeenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, ten hundred and three), entitled "An act requiring licenses to sell steamship tickets or orders for transportation to or from foreign countries, and providing penalties."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of an act, approved the seventeenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, ten hundred and three), entitled "An act requiring licenses to sell steamship tickets or orders for transportation to or from foreign countries, and providing penalties," which reads as follows:—

"Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That no person, co-partnership, association, or corporation, other than railroad or steamship companies, shall hereafter engage within this State in the sale of steamship tickets or orders for transportation, or shall advertise or hold themselves out as authorized or entitled to sell such steamship tickets or orders for transportation, without being a citizen of the United States and having first procured from the Commissioner of Banking a license to carry on such business. Such license shall be granted, upon application to the Commissioner of Banking designating the place where the business for which a license is sought is to be carried on, after such applicant shall cause a copy of his application to be advertised in one daily newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the applicant intends to do business, and also in the legal journal of such county, if any there is, and if not, then in the legal journal of the next adjacent county having such journal, for thirty days.

"The application shall be accompanied by such satisfactory proof of good moral character and fitness to conduct such business properly and any other information required by the Commissioner of Banking. Such license shall be granted upon approval of the application by

Banking Department.

Steamship tickets.

Section 1, act of July 17, 1919 (P. L. 1003), cited for amendment.