

amend section one of an act, entitled 'An act authorizing certain corporations to issue preferred stock of one or more classes; providing for the manner of issuance, restrictions, and regulations in the matter of voting thereof, and the rights and privileges of the holders thereof; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith,' approved May twenty-eighth, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and seventy-eight)."

All acts or parts of acts, general or special, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed. Repeat.

APPROVED—The 25th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 427.

AN ACT

To amend section two of the act, approved the twelfth day of July, one thousand nine hundred thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eleven), entitled "An act establishing a court for the county of Philadelphia; prescribing its jurisdiction and powers; providing for the service of its writs, process, or warrants by the proper officers of the county or city of Philadelphia; regulating the procedure therein, and appeals therefrom; and providing for the expenses thereof."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of the act, approved the twelfth day of July, one thousand nine hundred thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eleven), entitled "An act establishing a court for the county of Philadelphia; prescribing its jurisdiction and powers; providing for the service of its writs, process, or warrants by the proper officers of the county or city of Philadelphia; regulating the procedure therein, and appeals therefrom; and providing for the expenses thereof," which reads as follows:—

"Section 2. The judges of said court shall be learned in the law, and shall be elected, by the duly qualified electors of said county, for terms of ten years, if they so long behave themselves well.

"The president judge shall receive a salary of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) per annum, and the associate judges shall receive salaries of six thousand dollars, payable by the State in the same manner that the salaries of the judges of the courts of common pleas are paid. The term of office of the judges of the court shall begin on the first Monday of January following their election.

"The first judges of the said court shall be elected at the general election held in November, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

"In the event of a vacancy in the office of judge, or when by reason of a new United States census more judges are to be chosen, the Governor shall appoint

Philadelphia.

Municipal court.

Section 2, act of July 12, 1913 (P. L. 711), cited for amendment.

judges to hold office until *such time as their successors shall be elected as provided by the Constitution of the State in such case, and their successors shall be elected to the full term of ten years.*

“The Governor, upon the first election of judges as aforesaid, shall designate one of their number to be president judge, and shall, after the election aforesaid, and from time to time when a vacancy occurs in the office of president judge either by expiration of his term or for other reason, designate one of the judges to be president judge.

“It shall be unlawful for any judge of the said court to practice law during his continuance in office,” is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Judges. Section 2. The judges of said court shall be learned in the law, and shall be elected, by the duly qualified electors of said county, for terms of ten years, if they so long behave themselves well.

Terms. The president judge and the associate judges shall receive *the salaries now provided by law*, payable by the State in the same manner that the salaries of the judges of the courts of common pleas are paid. The term of office of the judges of the court shall begin on the first Monday of January following their election.

Salaries. Election. The first judges of the said court shall be elected at the general election held in November, one thousand nine hundred thirteen.

Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in the office of judge, or when by reason of a new United States census more judges are to be chosen, the Governor shall appoint judges to hold office until *the first Monday of January succeeding the next municipal election, at which election the vacancies shall be filled, and the additional judges caused by such increase in population shall be elected to the full term of ten years from the first Monday of January next following such election.*

President judge. The Governor, upon the first election of judges as aforesaid, shall designate one of their number to be president judge, and shall, after the election aforesaid, and, from time to time, when a vacancy occurs in the office of president judge either by expiration of his term or for other reason, designate one of the judges to be president judge.

Practice of law. It shall be unlawful for any judge of the said court to practice law during his continuance in office.

APPROVED—The 25th day of May, A. D. 1921.—In approving this bill I am mindful of the opinion that I have publicly expressed, that the Municipal Court of Philadelphia, as at present constituted, contains a sufficient number of judges to transact the business within the scope of this tribunal, and that I have refrained

from appointing an additional judge, now authorized by the law creating this court, for the reason that I did not believe it was necessary to do so.

The act which provides for an increase in the number of judges in this court for certain increases in the population of the city of Philadelphia still remains upon our statute books, the Legislature having made no change in this provision of the law. Therefore, under this existing law, an additional judge will have to be elected at the coming municipal election.

The present act is presumed to clarify the law, and to assure the legal nomination and election of such a judge. It does not provide for any increase in salary nor for any change in the power or authority of the court, and I am approving it for the reason that if an additional judge is to be nominated and elected, there should be no doubt as to the legality of his tenure. Otherwise, great confusion might result.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 428.

AN ACT

To designate the several judicial districts of the Commonwealth as required by the Constitution, and to provide for the election and commissioning of judges, learned in the law, for the said districts.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the judicial districts of the Commonwealth shall be numbered, composed, designated, and shall each have the number of judges, respectively, as follows:

Judicial apportionment.

The first district shall be composed of the city and county of Philadelphia, and shall have fifteen judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and five judges, learned in the law, in the orphans' court, and such judges of the municipal court as now or may hereafter be provided by law.

First district.

The second district, of the county of Lancaster, and shall have two judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and one judge, learned in the law, in the orphans' court.

Second district.

The third district, of the county of Northampton, and shall have three judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas.

Third district.

The fourth district, of the county of Tioga, and shall have one judge, learned in the law.

Fourth district.

The fifth district, of the county of Allegheny, and shall have fourteen judges, learned in the law, in the common pleas, and three judges, learned in the law, in the orphans' court, and such judges of the county court as now or may hereafter be provided by law.

Fifth district.