District attorney may appoint assistants.

Number.

Salaries.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in every county of this Commonwealth having over one million five hundred thousand inhabitants, the district attorney shall have the power to appoint one or more assistants, learned in the law, not exceeding [fourteen] twenty in number, to assist him in the discharge of his duties. One of the said assistant district attorneys shall receive a salary of [seven thousand five hundred] seven thousand five hundred dollars per annum; one of said assistant district attorneys shall receive a salary of six thousand five hundred: [two] three of said assistant district attorneys shall receive salaries of [six thousand] six thousand dollars per annum each; [four] eight of said assistant district attorneys shall receive salaries of five thousand dollars per annum each: four of said assistant district attorneys shall receive salaries of four thousand dollars per annum each; and three of said assistant district attorneys shall receive salaries of three thousand dollars per annum each. In the event of the appointment of a less number of assistants than [fourteen] twenty, the district attorney shall have the power to determine in which class, as to salaries, the appointee or appointees shall be placed. Said salaries shall be paid out of the county treasury.

APPROVED-The 29th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 205.

AN ACT

To amend sections one and two of the act, approved the third day of June. one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and sixty-nine), entitled "An act providing for the appointment by the district attorney, in counties having a population of over one million five hundred thousand inhabitants, of a chief county detective, an assistant chief county detective, and special county detectives; defining their duties; defining their authority; fixing their salaries, and authorizing the payment of the same, together with the necessary traveling expenses, by the county," extending said act to counties of the first class, and increasing the number and salaries of county detectives in said counties.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and sixty-nine), entitled "An act providing for the appointment by the district attorney, in counties having a population of over one million five hundred thousand inhabitants, of a chief county detective, an assistant chief county detective, and special county detectives; defining their duties; defining their authority; fixing their salaries, and authorizing the pay-

Counties of first class.

Section 1 of act of June 3, 1919 (P. L. 369), amended.

ment of the same, together with the necessary traveling expenses, by the county," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in each and every county of the first class of this Commonwealth (having a population of over one million five hundred thousand inhabitants], the district attorney may appoint a chief county detective, an assistant chief county detective, and special county detectives not exceeding [fourteen] twenty in number, whose duties it shall be to investigate and make report to the district attorney as to the conduct in office of Justices of the peace] magistrates, constables, deputy constables, and other officers connected with the administration of criminal justice; to make such investigation and endeavor to obtain such evidence as may be required by the district attorney in any criminal case; and perform such other duties as the district attorney may direct. Said detectives shall be general police officers, and shall have all powers now conferred on constables by existing laws of this Commonwealth so far as they relate to crimes or criminal procedure.

Section 2. That section two of said act is hereby section 2 amonded. amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The said chief county detective shall receive a salary of [four thousand (\$4,000)] five thousand (\$5,000) dollars per annum, the said assistant chief county detective shall receive a salary of [three thousand (\$3,000)] three thousand five hundred (\$3,500)dollars per annum, and ten of the special county detectives shall receive a salary of [one hundred seventyfive (\$175) dollars per month] two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) per annum each, and len of the special county detectives shall receive a salary of two thousand three hundred (\$2,300) dollars per annum each, together with all necessary traveling expenses; which said salary and expenses, having been verified by affidavit of the chief county detective, assistant chief county detective, or special county detective, incurring the same, and approved by the district attorney, shall be paid out of the treasury of the county on a certifi- How paid. cate issued by the district attorney. directed to the controller of the county, who shall order warrants for said amounts according to law. In the event of the appointment of a less number of special county detectives than twenty, the district attorney shall have the power to determine in which class, as to salaries, the appointee or appointees shall be placed.

APPROVED-The 29th day of April, A. D. 1925.

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County detectives may be appointed by district at-torney.

Salaries

Expenses.