

the fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and forty), entitled 'An act concerning townships; and revising, amending, and consolidating the laws relating thereto,' as amended, by providing for the Department of Highways to decentralize to townships of the first class; and when so authorized township to collect and retain fees," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Permit required for obstruction on township highways.

Section 727. No railroad or street railway shall hereafter be constructed upon any township highway, nor shall any railroad or street railway crossings, nor any gas pipe, water pipe, electric conduits, or other piping be laid upon or in, nor shall any telephone, telegraph or electric light or power poles or any coal tipples, or any other obstructions, be erected upon or in, any portion of a township highway, except under such conditions, restrictions, and regulations, and subject to the payment of such fees for permits, as may be prescribed and required by the State Highway Department, not exceeding the reasonable cost of issuing the permit and expense of inspecting the work authorized by such permit upon completion thereof. All fees so collected for permits shall be paid into the State Treasury and shall be credited to the special fund in the State Treasury into which motor vehicle registration and license fees are now paid, and all such permit fees in said fund, from time to time, are hereby specifically appropriated to the State Highway Department for expenditure for the same purpose and in like manner as that for which the moneys now in said fund may be expended: Provided, That [the Department of Highways shall have power to authorize] *in* townships of the first class [to] *the commissioners thereof shall* issue such permits and *fix and* collect fees therefor; [as hereinbefore provided in this act; such authorization to be for the length of time and subject to the regulations as may be prescribed by the Department of Highways] and all fees collected by the township under this authorization shall be paid into township treasury to be used for construction and maintenance of township roads.

Disposition of fees.

Proviso.

Townships of first class to issue permits and collect fees.

APPROVED—The 21st day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 201

AN ACT

Providing for the rerecording of instruments in the office of the recorder of deeds, in any county, when the original records are not available; providing for the effect of such rerecording, and the payment of the cost thereof out of county funds.

Recorder of deeds.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be the duty of the recorder of deeds in any county, whenever

any instrument, now or hereto by law recordable, shall be presented to him, which shall show, by the certificate and seal of the recorder thereon, that such instrument had been previously recorded in the office of the said recorder of deeds, and the record of such instrument in the said office is not available for examination, by reason of the destruction or loss of the book in which it was recorded, or of the destruction in whole or in part of the leaves of the book upon which the instrument was recorded, or by reason of the defacement or obliteration of the record by reason of the fading of ink or other cause, to rerecord such instrument, together with a certificate of the recorder, setting forth the original date of the recording of such instrument and the volume, book, and page of the original record.

Rerecording of instruments the original record of which is destroyed.

Section 2. The new record of such instrument shall have the same force and effect in law and in equity as the original record would have had.

Effect of new record.

Section 3. The cost of such rerecording shall be certified by the recorder of deeds, and paid out of the county-funds, upon orders drawn by the commissioners on the treasurer of the proper county.

Cost of rerecording.

APPROVED—The 21st day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 202

AN ACT

To amend sections five and six of an act, approved the fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and twenty-six), entitled "An act authorizing a State association of township commissioners, and providing for the payment of the expenses thereof by the respective counties."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section five of an act, approved the fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and twenty-six), entitled "An act authorizing a State association of township commissioners, and providing for the payment of the expenses thereof by the respective counties," is hereby amended to read as follows:

State associations of township commissioners.

Section 5 of act of April 4, 1925 (P. L. 126), amended.

Section 5. Within thirty days after each annual meeting of the State association the treasurer of the respective county association shall file with the county [treasurer] *commissioners* an itemized statement, under oath, setting forth where and when the annual meeting of the State association was held, the number of delegates from the respective association in attendance, and the expenditures due from the county association for such annual meeting.

Statement of treasurer.