

No. 224

AN ACT

To repeal an act, approved the eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred thirty-nine), entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to provide for the division of counties of this Commonwealth,' approved the seventeenth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight."

Counties.

Act of June 11,
1879 (P. L. 139),
repealed.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That an act, approved the eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred thirty-nine), entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to provide for the division of counties of this Commonwealth,' approved the seventeenth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight," is hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 225

AN ACT

To repeal an act, approved the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and thirty-one), entitled "An act to amend the first section of an act, entitled 'An act to further regulate the admission of attorneys and counsellors at law to practice in the several courts of this Commonwealth,' approved the seventh day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

Attorneys.

Act of May 10,
1887 (P. L. 131),
repealed.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That an act, approved the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and thirty-one), entitled "An act to amend the first section of an act, entitled 'An act to further regulate the admission of attorneys and counsellors at law to practice in the several courts of this Commonwealth,' approved the seventh day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five," be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 226

AN ACT

To amend section two of Article XVI of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred and eighty-one), entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first class of this Commonwealth," by providing for the election of city councilmen in such cities in proportion to the population thereof.

Cities of the first
class.

Section 2, Article
XVI, of act of
June 25, 1919
(P. L. 581),
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of Article XVI of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred and eighty-one), entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first

class of this Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. At the municipal election held in such city in the year one thousand nine hundred and [nineteen] *twenty-seven*, and in every fourth year thereafter, city councilmen shall be elected in the various State senatorial districts in such city. [in proportion to the number of assessed voters residing in each such district as determined by the last assessment completed, according to law, at least three months prior to said election. One councilman shall be elected for each unit of twenty thousand assessed voters residing in each such district, and one for any fractional portion of such unit in excess of fifty per cent thereof residing in such district over and above all entire units: Provided, however, That, if at any time thereafter the women of this Commonwealth shall be given the right to vote, the unit of representation aforesaid shall be forty thousand assessed voters instead of twenty thousand as above provided: And provided further, That such assessment lists may be corrected prior to August first of one thousand nine hundred nineteen, and of every fourth year thereafter, by striking therefrom names of voters not residing in the district at the time of such revision and by adding the names of voters then residing therein but not included in said assessment. The number of councilmen to be elected from each such district shall be determined by the county commissioners on August first, of one thousand nine hundred nineteen, and of every fourth year thereafter, on the basis of the said lists as revised. The registration commissioners in each city of the first class shall be empowered, and it shall be their duty, in case of petitions filed by one or more qualified voters objecting to names on the assessor's list, or in case of personal application of voters to be added to said lists, to hear said petitions or applications, and to strike from the lists the names of persons who are not voters then residing within the district, and to add the names of voters then residing within the district but who were not included in said assessment. Such petitions shall be filed, and personal applications made, not later than July fifteenth of such years, and shall be acted upon not later than July twenty-fifth thereof.] *The number of councilmen to be elected in the various State senatorial districts in such cities shall be twenty-two. They shall be elected in the various State senatorial districts of such cities in proportion to the population thereof as determined by the last United States census and each succeeding United States census. The councilmanic ratio for the election of councilman as aforesaid shall be ascertained by dividing the whole population of*

Election of city
councilmen.

Number.

Proportion.

Ratio.

all the State senatorial districts of such cities by the number twenty-two. One councilman shall be elected for each such ratio, and an additional councilman shall be elected for any fractional portion of such ratio in excess of fifty per cent thereof. Every State senatorial district in such cities shall be entitled to elect as many city councilmen as it has councilmanic ratios of population as aforesaid, and an additional councilman for any fractional portion of such ratio in excess of fifty per cent thereof. The number of councilmen to be elected for each such district shall be determined and announced by the county commissioners on August first of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and of every fourth year thereafter, on the basis of population as aforesaid. Councilmen shall be nominated and elected according to law, and those receiving the highest votes shall be declared elected to the number to which each such district is entitled. Councilmen shall serve for the period of four years from the first Monday in January following their election. If any vacancy shall happen in the office of councilman, the vacancy may be filled at the next general, municipal, or special election, occurring not less than thirty days thereafter, but the councilman thus elected shall serve only for the unexpired term. The provisions of this act shall not affect present members of council in such cities; they shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms.

Fractional ratio.

Time of determining and announcing number to be elected.

Terms.

Vacancy.

Not to affect present members.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 227

AN ACT

Authorizing and empowering cities of the third class to recognize the moral obligation of the city to pay just claims against the city, although under existing laws no legal recovery could be had against the city.

Cities of third class.

Moral obligation to pay claims may be recognized.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any city of the third class shall have heretofore actually received and used any material or supplies furnished to the city, without previous authority of law authorizing its purchase or without public letting of contracts, the said city is authorized and empowered to recognize its moral obligation to pay for the same, the fair market value thereof, by ordinance duly passed by the affirmative vote of not less than four members of council, and that, thereupon, the proper officers of the city shall draw the warrant or pass the voucher for the same in such amount as by the said ordinance may be determined.