

buildings, by counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth classes, for the purpose of providing a home for indigent orphans and certain incorrigible, indigent, dependent, and neglected children; providing for the maintenance, regulation, and management of such homes, and for commitments thereto by juvenile courts, the directors of the poor, and the county commissioners," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1,  
act of May  
16, 1921  
(P. L. 666),  
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the county commissioners of any county of the *third*, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth class, by and with the approval of the grand jury and of the court of quarter sessions of the peace of the county, shall have the authority, and are hereby authorized, to purchase a farm or plot of ground within the county, and erect buildings thereon, or add to and improve buildings already erected, and make improvements thereon and thereto, as may be convenient and necessary for the use and purpose of providing a home within the county for the keeping, care, education, and training of all indigent orphans dependent upon the public for support and not otherwise provided for, incorrigible, indigent, dependent, and neglected children of either sex, under sixteen years of age, who shall be committed to said home by the court of quarter sessions of the peace acting as juvenile court of the county, or by the county commissioners, poor directors of said county, or the poor directors of any district within the county, by and with the consent of the juvenile court of the county, and pay for the same out of the public funds belonging to the said county.

Children's  
Home.

Provisions of  
act extended  
to counties  
of third  
class.

Commitment  
of children  
to home.

APPROVED—The 9th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 22

AN ACT

Providing for the acceptance by the Commonwealth of a gift of lands from the American Petroleum Institute, located on the left bank of Oil Creek, in Oil Creek Township, Venango County, to establish the Drake Well Memorial Park, under the control and supervision of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission; providing for cooperation by the Department of Forests and Waters; empowering the Department of Property and Supplies to acquire additional lands for such Memorial Park without cost to the Commonwealth; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Commonwealth hereby accepts, free and clear of all encumbrances except reservations of oil, gas and minerals, any grant of lands by the American Petroleum Institute of

Drake Well  
Memorial  
Park.

Land grant  
accepted.

not less than one-half and not more than thirty-five acres, with the improvements thereon, located on the left bank of Oil Creek, in Oil Creek Township, Venango County, upon which is the site where Colonel Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the world in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, to be hereafter used as a public park and as a memorial to Colonel Drake and the petroleum industry. The said park and memorial shall be known as the Drake Well Memorial Park.

Delivery  
of deed.

The acceptance of said grant shall be completed upon delivery to the Commonwealth of a deed in fee simple (subject to reservation, if any, of oil, gas and minerals), approved by the Attorney General.

Control and  
supervision.

Said property after its acceptance shall be under full control and supervision of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, subject, however, to the aforesaid reservations. The Department of Forests and Waters shall, at all times, cooperate with the Pennsylvania Historical Commission in developing the forest resources of said lands.

Additional  
grants.

Acquisition  
of land.

Section 2. If the original gift of land to the Commonwealth is less than thirty-five acres, the Commonwealth hereby agrees to, and does hereby accept, any additional grants of lands from the American Petroleum Institute for such park and memorial, under like conditions, not, however, exceeding the total acreage hereinbefore specified. In case lands additional to the original grant and desirable for such park and memorial are not received by gift, the Department of Property and Supplies shall have power to acquire such additional lands (not exceeding, however, the total acreage hereinbefore specified) as may be deemed desirable, by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Code of 1929 for such cases.

Eminent  
domain.

Appropri-  
ation.

The sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Property and Supplies for the acquisition of such additional lands by eminent domain proceedings, including costs incident thereto; to be available only upon the payment into the State Treasury of moneys donated to the Department of Property and Supplies, which shall be sufficient in the aggregate to reimburse the Commonwealth for all expenditures made from this appropriation.

Structures  
on land.

Acceptance  
and use.

Section 3. The Pennsylvania Historical Commission is hereby authorized, subject to its approval, to permit the donor of such property to erect structures upon, and to make improvements to, such property after the same has been accepted by the Commonwealth, and to accept

such structures and improvements on behalf of the Commonwealth and to use the same in connection with and for the protection of such park and memorial.

APPROVED—The 10th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

Nó. 23

AN ACT

Providing an additional method for the annexation of a part of a ward to a ward contiguous thereto in cities of the third class.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That part of any ward in a city of the third class may be annexed to another ward contiguous thereto by the court of quarter sessions of the county, upon petition of the city council or of twenty-five or more qualified electors of such territory which is petitioned to be so annexed. Such petition shall specify the boundaries thereof and the necessity therefor, and shall be sworn to by one or more of the petitioners.

Cities of the third class.

Annexation.

Court of quarter sessions.

Section 2. Upon presentation of such petition, the court shall fix a time for hearing the same, and notice of such hearing shall be given by advertisement, once a week for three consecutive weeks, in at least one newspaper of general circulation throughout the city wherein such wards are located.

Time of hearing.

Notice.

At the time so fixed, the court, upon hearing all parties interested in such question of annexation, shall make such decree as, in its opinion, will best promote the interests of the public and the convenience of the inhabitants of such wards affected thereby. Such decree may annex to such contiguous ward such territory as petitioned, either in whole or part, or deny such petition, and shall be final as to such annexation. Such question need not be referred to the vote of the electors of the wards affected thereby.

Hearing.

Decree.

Section 3. If by such decree of the court of quarter sessions any part of a ward is annexed to a contiguous ward, the said court shall fix the place of holding elections in the election districts affected thereby, and, if necessary, shall appoint election officers who shall serve until their successors may be elected according to law.

Elections.

Section 4. The procedure, provided by this act for annexing a part of a ward to a contiguous ward, is a separate and complete method and is in addition to any method or procedure already provided by law for accomplishing the same purpose.

Separate method.