

tain evidence at the trial thereof," is hereby repealed: Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to any crimes committed before the passage thereof, but all such crimes shall be prosecuted as heretofore under the provisions of the act which is hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 24th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 44

AN ACT

Providing for the appointment and compensation of park guards in cities of the third class; defining their powers; and imposing their supervision on the superintendent of parks and public property in such cities.

Cities of third class.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the council of each city of the third class of the Commonwealth shall have power, under the provisions of this act, to provide, by ordinance, for the selection and employment of such number of persons as they deem necessary to act as park guards, fix their compensation and duties, and provide for their uniforming.

Park guards.

Powers as policemen.

Section 2. Persons appointed as park guards, under any ordinance passed pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall have, in the parks and playgrounds and other public places in such cities, the same power in preserving the peace, maintaining order and making arrests as policemen have in such cities of the third class.

Supervision of guards.

Section 3. Such park guards shall be under the supervision, control and direction of the superintendent of the department of parks and public property.

APPROVED—The 24th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

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No. 45

AN ACT

To amend section two of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred three (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred thirty-two), entitled "An act for the annexation of any city, borough, township, or part of a township, to a contiguous city, and providing for the indebtedness of the same," providing that in case a part of a township is proposed to be annexed, notice shall be given and the election held in the entire township affected.

Cities.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of the

act, approved the twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred three (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred thirty-two), entitled "An act for the annexation of any city, borough, township, or part of a township, to a contiguous city, and providing for the indebtedness of the same," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The petition shall be filed, and thereupon the court shall direct notice to be given to the chief executive officer of the city to which, the annexation is proposed to be made; and it shall be the duty of the councils of such city, within three months from the date of said notice, to, by ordinance, consent to or disapprove the proposed annexation. If the councils disapprove, then there shall be no further proceedings under that petition; but if the councils approve, then the court shall direct such notice to be given the people of the territory proposed to be annexed as the court shall consider to be proper and reasonable, and the said notice shall state a reasonable date thereafter at which the petition will be considered and all parties heard: *Provided, however, That in case a part of a township is proposed to be annexed, the court shall direct that the notice above prescribed be given to the people of the entire township of which a part is proposed to be annexed.*

Upon the date fixed for the hearing, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the court shall hear the case; and, if the requirements of this act have been complied with, then shall order an election to be held in the petitioning city, borough, or township, [or any part thereof,] referred to in the petition, upon the question of annexation; *and, in the case of a petition for annexation of a part of a township, the court shall order an election to be held upon the question of annexation in the entire township of which a part is proposed to be annexed.* If such order be made within three months and more than thirty days before the date of any general election, such election shall be held at such general election; otherwise, it shall be held at such date as the court shall fix, but in no case within thirty days from the making of such order.

APPROVED—The 24th day of April, A. D. 1931.

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Annexation.

Section 2, act of April 28, 1903 (P. L. 332), amended.

Notice to executive officer of city.

Duty of councils.

Notice to people.

Annexation of part of township. Notice.

Hearing.

Election.

Township to vote on annexation of part.

Time for holding election.