

the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-five. An amount sufficient to meet the payments, authorized by this act, for any fiscal biennium shall be included in the general appropriation bill.

Biennium  
appropriation

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

Effective  
date.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 112

AN ACT

Validating certain proceedings and elections of municipalities had and held pursuant to the provisions of an act, approved the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred seventy-four (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-five), entitled "An act to regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities, to provide for the redemption of the same, and to impose penalties for the illegal increase thereof," and the amendments and supplements thereto; and validating bonds issued or authorized to be issued in pursuance of such proceedings and elections.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all proceedings and elections heretofore had and held by any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district within this Commonwealth, to increase its indebtedness under the method of procedure specified by the provisions of an act of Assembly, entitled "An act to regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities, to provide for the redemption of the same, and to impose penalties for the illegal increase thereof," approved the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-five), and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, where the majority of votes cast at such election was in favor of the increase of indebtedness, be, and the same are hereby, ratified, confirmed, and made valid, notwithstanding the authorities of such county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, either did not or, by separate and independent action, did not, prior to the ordinance or vote in pursuance of which notice of election was given to the electors, signify their desire for such increase of indebtedness, or did not, in the words of the act and amendments and supplements aforesaid authorizing such increase, signify their desire for such increase of indebtedness; and notwithstanding the authorities of such county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district signified their desire for such increase of indebtedness by a resolution instead of by an

Municipalities.

Increase of  
indebtedness  
under act of  
April 20, 1874  
(P. L. 65).

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ordinance as required by said act, its amendments and supplements; and notwithstanding such resolution or ordinance was not advertised as is required by law for the advertisement of ordinances; and notwithstanding that the notice of such election stated the amount of the last assessed valuation of the taxable property in such county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district to have been the assessed valuation of another county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district which is coextensive therewith, the assessed valuation in both such districts having been based upon the same or substantially the same taxable property, and being the same or substantially the same in amount in both of such coextensive districts; and notwithstanding that a primary election had intervened between the date of the adoption by the proper authorities of the ordinance or resolution expressing the desire to increase the indebtedness and the date of the special election at which such increase of indebtedness was approved by the electors; and notwithstanding the ballots used at said election were not furnished or certified by the county commissioners, or did not bear any or all of their facsimile signatures, or did not contain a brief statement of the purpose of the proposed increase of indebtedness, or were printed on the official ballot after the list of candidates instead of on separate ballots at a general election, or were printed on a party ballot at a primary election; and notwithstanding that the electors at any such election attached stickers to the ballots cast at said election, on which stickers were written or printed preferences for sites for buildings, or other matters; and notwithstanding full, complete, and proper return of the votes was not made to the proper court or counted by the court; and notwithstanding that a record showing the results was not made and certified by the clerk of said court to the proper authorities of such district or municipality; and notwithstanding any defect, informality, or vagueness of expression in the language of the ordinance or resolution fixing the time for holding such election; and notwithstanding any defect or informality in the manner of holding, mode of conducting, or giving notice of such election, or in form of the ballot; and notwithstanding any mistake in stating, or any failure to file a statement of, the amount or percentage of the existing debt or the percentage of the proposed increase, or the amount of the last preceding assessed valuation, or form, number, and date of maturity of the obligations to be issued therefor; and notwithstanding any patent error of orthography or of numerical statement on any or all of the ballots; and notwithstanding any discrepancy between the amount of the proposed increase of indebt-

edness as contained in the published and posted advertisements and in the printed ballots. All of the bonds, securities, and obligations issued or to be issued in pursuance of every such election are hereby made valid and binding obligations of every such county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district: Provided, That all the other requirements of law concerning such procedure, election, and issue of bonds have been complied with: And provided further, That the provisions of this act shall not apply in any instance where the validity of such election or any issue of bonds or other security based thereon has been made the subject of litigation in any court of the Commonwealth prior to the approval of this act, nor to any litigation in any court of this Commonwealth instituted prior to the passage of this act and still pending and undetermined.

Securities  
validated.

Proviso.

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Section 2. This act shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, and approval by the Governor.

When  
effective.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 113

AN ACT

Authorizing the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to acquire all real property comprising the Cornwall Charcoal Furnace, at Cornwall, in Lebanon County, from the owner thereof, and a trust fund for the maintenance of the same; providing for the control, management, supervision, restoration and improvement thereof; authorizing the commission to make and enforce rules and regulations for the preservation and visitation thereof.

Whereas, Mrs. Margaret C. Buckingham is the owner in fee of a tract of land in Cornwall Borough, in Lebanon County, on which is situate the Cornwall Charcoal Furnace; and

Preamble.

Whereas, The Cornwall Charcoal Furnace is an object of historical interest as representing a phase of industrial development; and

Whereas, The above owner of the land containing the Cornwall Charcoal Furnace has tendered the same to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with a sum of money to be placed in trust, the income from which is to be applied to the maintenance of said property; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Pennsylvania Historical Commission be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to accept, on behalf of the Common-

Cornwall  
Charcoal  
Furnace.