

Issue.

Appeals.

vided, That if, after argument, the court shall deem any question or questions of fact so doubtful, under the evidence submitted, as to render it desirable that an issue should be directed as to such question or questions to be tried by a jury, the court may direct such an issue. Appeals may be taken by any person interested to the Superior or Supreme Court from any such judgment of the court of common pleas, in the same way that appeals are now authorized by law to be taken from rulings or decisions of the court of common pleas made in appeals from settlements or reports of county, borough, or township auditors.

Section 46. That sections one thousand nine hundred and four, two thousand two hundred and three, two thousand two hundred and four, two thousand two hundred and five, two thousand two hundred and six, two thousand two hundred and seven, and two thousand two hundred and eight of said act, be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

Section 47. This act shall become effective upon its passage, and approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 29th day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 131

AN ACT

Creating a "Greater Pennsylvania Council" for the promotion of the economic, social, industrial, agricultural, educational, civic and recreational welfare of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its citizens; prescribing the organization, powers and duties of said council; and making an appropriation.

"Greater Pennsylvania Council."

Number of members.

Appointment.

Expenses.

Executive committee.

General chairman.

Quorum.

Director.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That there is hereby created and established directly under the Governor a State advisory and planning body, to be known as the "Greater Pennsylvania Council," hereinafter termed "council," which shall consist of one hundred and fifty members, to be appointed by the Governor. They shall serve without compensation but may receive their traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of the work of the council.

Section 2. The Governor shall appoint from among the members of the council an executive committee of fifteen members, one of whom the Governor shall designate as general chairman, who shall be the chief executive officer of the council. Six members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum. The Governor shall also appoint a director, who shall be an ex-officio member of the executive committee. The di-

rector shall, with the approval of the Governor, appoint an assistant director and such experts, statisticians, clerks, stenographers, and other assistants and employes as may be required for the proper conduct of the work of the council. The executive committee shall have power to appoint a technical advisory committee to advise on the technical phases of the planning work of the council. The members of the technical advisory committee shall serve without compensation but may receive their traveling or other expenses incurred in the performance of the work of the council.

Experts, etc.

Technical advisory committee.

Expenses.

Section 3. The director shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the Governor. The assistant director and such experts, statisticians, clerks, stenographers, and other assistants and employes, as are engaged in the work of the council, shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the director with the approval of the Governor, which compensation shall, however, conform to the standards established by the Executive Board for similar positions in the State service.

Compensation.

Section 4. The council shall make such studies as may be desirable in collaboration with existing official planning, civic, industrial, agricultural, and other agencies, with a view to promoting the economic, social, industrial, and recreational welfare of the Commonwealth. The council in carrying out the aforesaid studies shall act only in an advisory and coordinating capacity, and shall not duplicate the work of any existing State or municipal agency. It shall also collaborate with agencies interested in the development of the ports of the Commonwealth with a view to promoting the interests of said ports.

Duties of council.

Section 5. The sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Greater Pennsylvania Council for the payment of the salaries, wages, and other compensation of the director, assistant director, and the experts, statisticians, clerks, stenographers, and other assistants and employes, for the payment of traveling expenses, for postage, stationery, equipment, printing, supplies, and any other expense necessary for the proper conduct of the work of the Greater Pennsylvania Council, except the work of the council pertaining to the ports of the Commonwealth.

Appropriation.

Purposes.

Section 6. This act shall become effective on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

Effective date.

APPROVED—The 29th day of May, A. D. 1931.

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