No. 39

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred seventy-eight), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," empowering counties of the second class to employ police officers at the expense of such counties, and defining their powers.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred seventy-eight), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new section to read as follows:

(q) Police in Counties of the Second Class.

Section 330. Employment of Police in Counties of the Second Class.—The county commissioners of counties of the second class shall have power to employ such number of police at such annual compensation as may be allowed and fixed by the salary board of the county. The compensation of such police officers shall be paid by the county. Such police officers shall have jurisdiction anywhere within the county by which employed, and shall have and possess all the following powers:—

(a) To make arrests without warrant for all violations of the law which they may witness, and to serve and execute warrants issued by the proper authorities: Provided, however, That in cases of offenses for violation of any of the provisions of the Vehicle Code, the power to make arrests without warrant shall be limited to cases where the offense is designated a felony or a misdemeanor, or in cases causing or contributing to an accident resulting in injury or death to any person.

(b) To have all the powers and prerogatives conferred by law upon members of the police force of cities of the first class.

(c) To have all the powers and prerogatives conferred by law upon constables of the Commonwealth.

(d) To serve subpoenas issued for any examination, investigation or trial had pursuant to any law of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 30th day of March, A. D. 1937.

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Section 330 added to the act of May 2, 1929 (P. L. 1278).

Counties of second class empowered to employ county police.

Jurisdiction.

Powers.

Proviso.

When effective.