

Section 8. Repeal.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. Repeal.

Section 9. Effective Date. — This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment. When effective.

APPROVED—The 24th day of June, A. D. 1937.

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No. 398

AN ACT

To amend section seventeen of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six (Pamphlet Laws, twenty-eight), entitled "An act providing for and regulating assistance to, and the burial of, certain aged indigent persons and the administration of this act by the Department of Welfare and the boards of trustees of the mothers' assistance funds of the several counties; authorizing the Department of Welfare to cooperate with and to accept and disburse moneys received from the United States Government for assistance to such persons; authorizing the appointment of trustees for certain persons; providing for the recovery of moneys expended for assistance in certain cases; prohibiting political activity by employes of the board; providing substitute provisions in case Federal grants for old age assistance shall fail for any reason; providing penalties; and repealing inconsistent acts," by making further provision for the cost of administering the act.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section seventeen of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six (Pamphlet Laws, twenty-eight), entitled "An act providing for and regulating assistance to, and the burial of, certain aged indigent persons and the administration of this act by the Department of Welfare and the boards of trustees of the mothers' assistance funds of the several counties; authorizing the Department of Welfare to cooperate with and to accept and disburse moneys received from the United States Government for assistance to such persons; authorizing the appointment of trustees for certain persons; providing for the recovery of moneys expended for assistance in certain cases; prohibiting political activity by employes of the board; providing substitute provisions in case Federal grants for old age assistance shall fail for any reason; providing penalties; and repealing inconsistent acts," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 17,
act of
June 25,
1936 (P. L.
28), amended.

Section 17. Cost of Administration; Political Activity Prohibited.—The boards in the several counties shall appoint such investigators and clerical assistants as may be necessary to enable them to distribute assistance in their respective counties, but as far as possible the in-

investigators engaged in the administration of the Mothers' Assistance Law shall also perform the work necessary for the administration of this act. [At no time shall the additional expense of administering this act in any county exceed in amount six per centum of the allocation to such county of moneys for assistance.]

The county commissioners of the several counties shall, upon requisition of the boards, pay such expenses of investigation and clerk hire in their respective counties and other administrative expenses [subject always to the limitations upon such expenses imposed by this section. But the liability of the county to pay such expenses shall be reduced by the amount of any moneys allocated to the county by the department for the payment of administrative expenses] *as may be necessary for the purposes of this act: Provided, That no county shall pay out of its funds any such expenses that in the aggregate exceed six per centum of the allocation to such county of moneys for assistance.*

Employees not to engage in political activities.

No investigator, clerk or other employe of the board shall be a member of or delegate or alternate delegate to any political convention, nor be present at any such convention as an employe or in any official capacity, nor serve as a member of or attend meetings of any committee of any political party, or take any active part in political management or in political campaigns, or use his or her position to influence political movements, or use his or her position to influence the political action of any other person, nor in any way or manner interfere with the conduct of any election or the preparation therefor at the polling place, or with the election officers while the vote is being counted, or the vote or ballot box is being returned save only for the purpose of marking and depositing his ballot, nor be within fifty feet of any polling place during voting hours and the counting of the ballots, except for the purpose of residence or travel. No member of the board and no investigator, clerk or other employe of the board shall, directly or indirectly, demand, solicit, collect or receive, or be in any manner concerned in demanding, soliciting or receiving any assessment, subscription or contribution, whether voluntary or involuntary, intended for any political purpose whatever. Any person who shall violate any of the foregoing provisions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 and forfeit his position.

Employees shall not solicit campaign funds.

When effective.

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

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