

## No. 410

## AN ACT

Providing for the sale of Fort Necessity Park, in Wharton Township, to the government of the United States, for National Military Park purposes, and giving consent to the purchase of said park, other lands of historical importance, and, with certain reservations, ceding jurisdiction over such lands.

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the owner of a certain tract of land in Wharton Township, surrounding the site of the battle of Fort Necessity, formerly owned by George Washington, containing approximately two hundred thirty-four acres, and known, by act of Legislature, as Fort Necessity Park, and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The Federal Government is interested in purchasing Fort Necessity Park, and other lands adjacent, for National Military Park purposes; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Department of Forests and Waters, through the Department of Property and Supplies, is hereby authorized to sell to the government of the United States, at a price agreed upon by the Department of Forests and Waters through its authorized agents, a tract of land in Wharton Township, surrounding the site of the battle of Fort Necessity, known as Fort Necessity Park, and comprising approximately two hundred thirty-four acres.

Section 2. The consent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby granted to the purchase by the government of the United States of such additional lands within the area of Fort Necessity Park, as shall be necessary to carry out the complete restoration of the historic setting: Provided, however, That the consent hereby given is conditioned upon the purchase by the government of the United States of the sites of Jumonville's grave, Braddock's grave, and Washington's Grist Mill, which lands are necessary to carry out the complete historical restoration.

Proviso.

Section 3. Exclusive jurisdiction over the lands purchased under the provisions of this act, both from the Commonwealth, and from other owners, is hereby ceded to the United States, by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and said lands shall be exempt from the payment of all taxes, State and local: Provided, That the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall retain a concurrent jurisdiction with the United States over the lands so acquired by the United States for the purpose of serving of all civil processes: And provided further, That such criminal processes as may issue under the authority of the Commonwealth against any person or persons charged with crimes committed without the area so acquired may be executed therein in the same manner as though this cession had not been granted.

Said lands exempt from taxes.  
Proviso.

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effective.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment, but if, within two years thereof, the government of the United States has taken no steps to acquire the lands hereinbefore referred to, or any part thereof, then this act shall become null and void.

APPROVED—The 25th day of June, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 411

AN ACT

Providing for the creation, division, and consolidation of wards in cities of the first class; and defining procedure therefor.

Creation,  
division, or  
consolidation  
of wards in  
cities of the  
first class.

Commission  
of inquiry.  
Duty of  
commissioners.

Report.

Duty of  
the mayor.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That wards in cities of the first class may be created, divided, or consolidated, by the court of quarter sessions of the proper county, on application thereto for that purpose by the petition of at least a total of one hundred qualified electors from the ward or wards sought to be affected, or of the council or councils of such cities of the first class, and, upon such petition praying for creation of a new ward out of a part or parts of existing wards, or a division of an existing ward, or a consolidation of two or more wards, the said court shall appoint five impartial persons as a commission to inquire into the propriety of granting the prayer, and it shall be the duty of the commissioners, so appointed, or any four of them, to examine the premises, to make a draft of the ward or wards proposed to be created, divided, or consolidated, as the case may be, and they shall make report thereof to the said court of quarter sessions at its next term, together with their opinion and recommendations of the same. The court shall review the report at the term after which it shall be made. If the commissioners report unfavorably to such creation, division, or consolidation, as the case may be, the court shall make such order as to it shall appear just and reasonable. If the commissioners report favorably to such creation, division, or consolidation, as the case may be, the court shall order a vote of the qualified electors of the ward or wards affected to be taken on the question, and shall appoint an election to be held on the day of the next succeeding primary election, occurring not less than two months thereafter, when the election officers of the ward or wards affected shall hold such election at the places, and in the manner provided by law, for the regulation of elections. It shall be the duty of the mayor of such city to give at least fifteen days' notice, by advertisements in at least three newspapers, if so