

For the payment of contingent expenses, including extra services of employes of the House and clerical, stenographic, traveling and discretionary charges of the Secretary of the House of Representatives, for the legislative session of one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000);

For the payment of contingent expenses, including extra services of employes of the House and clerical, stenographic, traveling and discretionary charges of the Minority Leader, for the legislative session of one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500);

For the payment by the Chief Clerk of postage on Legislative Journals of the legislative session of one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500);

For the payment of contingent expenses of the Chief Clerk, for the legislative session of one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500).

#### To the Legislative Reference Bureau

For the payment of increase in salary of the Director provided for in this act, and for other increases in salaries at the discretion of the Director, the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000).

To Legislative Reference Bureau.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 6th day of March, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

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### No. 3

### AN ACT

To amend section 2 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws 490), entitled "An act relating to acknowledgments of written instruments, and to make uniform the law with relation thereto," by empowering deputy recorders of deeds to take acknowledgments and validating acknowledgments heretofore taken by such officers.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

"Uniform Acknowledgment Act."

Section 1. Section 2 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws 490), entitled "An act relating to

Section 2, act of July 24, 1941, P. L. 490, amended.

acknowledgments of written instruments, and to make uniform the law with relation thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Acknowledgment within the State.—The acknowledgment of any instrument may be made in this State before—

- (1) A judge of a court of record;
- (2) A clerk, prothonotary or deputy prothonotary or deputy clerk of a court having a seal;
- (3) A recorder of deeds or *deputy recorder of deeds*;
- (4) A notary public;
- (5) A justice of the peace, magistrate or alderman.

Prior acknowl-  
edgments vali-  
dated.

Section 2. All acknowledgments of written instruments heretofore made before and certified by any deputy recorder of deeds are hereby validated. All such instruments in writing so acknowledged and certified may be offered in evidence without further proof. If such instrument so acknowledged and certified conveys or relates to or concerns any interest in lands, it may be recorded in the recorder's office of the county or counties where such lands lie and the record of same made before or after the passage of this act shall be constructive notice of all matters contained therein, and such record or exemplification of same duly certified shall be legal evidence in all cases in which the original would be competent evidence.

APPROVED—The 15th day of March, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 4

#### AN ACT

Relating to the civil defense of this State and its coordination with national defense; providing for the establishment of a State Council of Civil Defense, local and district councils of civil defense, Mobile Support Units; prescribing the powers, duties and immunities thereof and of their personnel; authorizing mutual aid compacts, and providing penalties.

"State Council of  
Civil Defense Act  
of 1951."

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short Title.—This act shall be known and may be cited as the "State Council of Civil Defense Act of 1951."

Section 2. Establishment of State Council of Civil Defense.—The Governor is hereby authorized and empowered in time of emergency or public need in the nation or the State to create, by proclamation, a State Council of Civil Defense, hereinafter designated as the