the method of making payment to representatives of persons who, because of death or incapacity, cannot personally receive compensation; imposing certain duties on the Adjutant General; making an appropriation, and providing penalties," by extending the time during which applications may be filed for veterans' compensation.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 5 of the act, approved the eleventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 565), entitled "An act providing compensation to certain persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States or of any of her allies during World War II; providing the method of making payment to representatives of persons who, because of death or incapacity, cannot personally receive compensation; imposing certain duties on the Adjutant General; making an appropriation, and providing penalties," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Application for Compensation.—Applications for compensation shall be made to the Adjutant General on such forms and in such manner as he shall

prescribe.

Applicants shall state on their application whether or not they have applied for or received a bonus, gratuity or compensation, of a nature similar to that provided for by this act, from any other state in the Union.

All applications shall be made, (1) personally by the veteran, or (2) in case of death or mental incompetency preventing the making of a personal application, then by such representative of the veteran as the Adjutant General shall by regulation prescribe. An application made by a representative other than one authorized by such regulation shall be held void.

The Adjutant General shall not accept or consider any application filed with him after the [first day of July thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine

hundred [fifty] fifty-one.

Approved—The 10th day of May, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

## No. 59 AN ACT

To validate and confirm certain contracts heretofore entered into by boards of school directors where there is no evidence of fraud or conspiracy, and to authorize, ratify, confirm and validate payments on such contracts by the school district.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Penn- Boards of school sylvania hereby enacts as follows:

directors.

"World War II Veterans' Com-pensation Act." Section 5, act of June 11, 1947, P. L. 565,

amended.

Certain contracts heretofore entered into by boards of school directors, where no evidence of fraud or conspiracy, validated and confirmed.

Payments on such contracts by school districts authorized, ratified, confirmed and validated.

Section 1. Whenever any board of school directors of any school district shall have heretofore contracted for labor, materials and supplies for the school district, the purchase of which by contract is authorized under the provisions of the school laws of the Commonwealth, and such board of school directors has actually received such labor, materials and supplies and the same are being used by the school district, if the said contract does not evidence any fraud or conspiracy to violate the provisions of the school laws of the Commonwealth and the school district has not suffered any pecuniary loss as the result of such contract, then such contract shall be valid and binding on the school district and payment for such labor, materials and supplies by the school district is hereby authorized, ratified, confirmed and validated, nothwithstanding the fact that such contract was legally null and void by reason of the failure to advertise for bids, or by reason of defect in the advertising, or by reason of any other defect in compliance with, or in the failure or omission to comply with, the school laws of this Commonwealth regulating the award of contracts for such labor, materials and supplies. board of school directors, nor any members thereof, shall be subject to surcharge for payments made by any board of school directors on any such contract.

APPROVED—The 16th day of May, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

## No. 60

## AN ACT

Authorizing counties of the second and fourth classes to establish fire training schools for the paid and volunteer firemen of municipalities within the county.

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

Section 1. The county commissioners of all counties of the second and fourth classes are hereby authorized and empowered to establish, equip and maintain fire training schools or centers for the purpose of giving instruction and practical training in the prevention, control and fighting of fire to the members of paid fire departments and volunteer fire companies in any city, borough, town or township within such county.

Approved—The 16th day of May, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

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County commissioners of such counties authorized and empowered to establish, equip and maintain fire training schools or centers.