

lating to a certain street in the City of Pittsburgh," and as said street is therein described.

**Description.**

Being that tract of land which the Town of Lawrenceville, pursuant to the provisions of the act, approved the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred sixty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1203), filled up and embanked an area lying between Wainwright's Island the main southeast shore of the Allegheny River, and which the Commonwealth by the act, approved the eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred seventy (Pamphlet Laws 1048), aforesaid, granted and conveyed to the City of Pittsburgh for public purposes as a street.

**Findings of fact of General Assembly.**

The General Assembly finds as a fact that at the present time and for a long time past no street has existed on this said land and no need exists for any such street or other public use; and the General Assembly also finds as a fact that at the present time it would be to the advantage and interest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the City of Pittsburgh, the general public, and the adjoining land owners that the aforesaid land shall be made available to private ownership and use.

**Liability for damages.**

Section 2. The City of Pittsburgh, in consideration of the grant herein authorized and directed to be made, shall be solely responsible for the payment of any damages occasioned by the closing or vacating of said street by the City of Pittsburgh.

**Saving clause.**

Section 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect or deprive any right, title or interest of any person or corporation asserting title to or any interest in said land.

**Deed to be approved by Department of Justice.**

Section 4. The deed of conveyance herein authorized shall be made without consideration and shall be approved by the Department of Justice, and shall be executed by the Secretary of Property and Supplies in the name of the Commonwealth.

**Act effective immediately.**

Section 5. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

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

JOHN S. FINE

No. 212

AN ACT

To further amend section 1 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 579), entitled "An act to fix the salary and mileage of the members of the General Assembly, and to provide for the furnishing of such postage, stationery, and supplies, as may be necessary for the conduct of their offices, and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith," by increasing the expense and clerical allowance of members of the General Assembly; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 579), entitled "An act to fix the salary and mileage of the members of the General Assembly, and to provide for the furnishing of such postage, stationery, and supplies, as may be necessary for the conduct of their offices, and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith," as last amended by the act, approved the eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1439), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the salary of the members of the General Assembly shall be three thousand dollars (\$3000) for each biennial session, and mileage to and from their homes at the rate of five cents per mile circular for each week a member was in actual attendance at the session, to be computed by the ordinary mail route between their homes and the capitol of the State. The salary of the members of the General Assembly shall be five hundred dollars (\$500), and mileage as aforesaid, for each special or extraordinary session lasting less than one calendar month, and seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750), and mileage as aforesaid, for each special or extraordinary session lasting one calendar month or more, and no other compensation shall be allowed whatever, except each member of the General Assembly shall receive an allowance for clerical assistance and other expenses incurred during his term in connection with the duties of his office, the sum of [twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400)] *thirty-six hundred dollars (\$3600)* for each two year period of service, payable [six hundred dollars (\$600)] *nine hundred dollars (\$900)* on July 1 of each year, and [six hundred dollars (\$600)] *nine hundred dollars (\$900)* on November 30 of each year commencing [July 1, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven] *July 1, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one*.

Section 2. For the purpose of making the payments hereby required on July 1, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, the following sums, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated:

To the Senate, the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000).

To the House of Representatives, the sum of one hundred eighty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$187,200).

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The seventh day of July, A. D. 1951, except as to the following items:

The items in Section 2 which provide as follows:

General Assembly.

Section 1, act of June 24, 1919, P. L. 579, as last amended by act of July 8, 1947, P. L. 1439, further amended.

Salaries of members for each biennial session.

Salaries of members for special or extraordinary sessions.

Allowance for clerical assistance and other expenses.

Appropriation.

To Senate.

To House of Representatives.

Act effective immediately.

“To the Senate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000).

“To the House of Representatives the sum of one hundred eighty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$187,200).”

I withhold my approval from these items.

Ordinarily, the Legislators should be the best judges of the expenses necessary to operate the legislative branch of government. However, there may arise times when the restraint or cautionary counsel of the executive may well be exercised.

There has been a general trend for increases in salaries to cope with increased costs of living. The salary of the Legislator, like others, has been materially dissipated by the inflationary spiral. I could approve without comment an attempt to reasonably increase legislative salaries. When the attempt is made to increase salaries through the medium of expense allowances, the misnomer requires the following cautionary counsel:

(1) It is my opinion that with the approval of these expense allowances, no further such increases should be approved.

(2) An early effort should be made by the Legislature to draw into line the ratio of its salaries and expenses.

(3) Approval of the present increase in expense allowances is given only because of the extremely long session of the Legislature which promises further protraction of record length.

(4) Approval of the appropriation of \$232,200 in this Bill is withheld and refused. I am informed that there is sufficient money left from an appropriation already made to pay the \$300 increase due July 1, 1951. I will not approve any further amount for the purposes of the Bill until the Legislature provides sufficient revenue to care for human needs, for essential services, for our public institutions, hospitals, colleges, medical schools, soldiers' bonus, school subsidies, and for salary increases for teachers, and for all State employes.

JOHN S. FINE.

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No. 213

AN ACT

To further amend section two thousand one hundred three of the act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 932), entitled “An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto,” by further regulating the hours of service, vacations and sick leaves of firemen.

“The Third Class  
City Code.”

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