

Section 2. The annual appropriation made by such city, whether or not it retains its classification as a city of the second class A, shall be sufficient, when added to the contributions made by members during such year, sums received from tax distributions, and income from investments, to pay in full the retirement allowance payable during such year.

Amount of annual appropriations by such cities.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall not be applied so as to result in a reduction of the monthly payments to any beneficiary now receiving such payments.

Present monthly payments not to be reduced.

Section 4. Provided, That any increase in pension payment received by any person under the provisions of this act shall be deemed cost-of-living increases, and shall not be construed as a permanent and binding obligation of the pension fund which will, in perpetuity, entitle present and future pensioners to secure pensions predicated upon such increases. Such increased pensions shall be subject to revision by the General Assembly in the event of a decline or a rise in the cost of living: Provided, That in no event shall any decrease in living costs result in decreasing the pension payments in effect prior to the passage of this act.

Proviso: Increased pension payments deemed cost-of-living increases only.

Increased pensions subject to revision by General Assembly.

Further proviso.

Section 5. All acts and parts of acts are hereby repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 6. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 296

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by authorizing the shade tree commission to require the cutting and removal of trees afflicted with the Dutch elm or other disease which threatens to injure or destroy shade trees, and to levy and collect the cost thereof from the owner of the property by action in assumpsit or by the filing of a municipal claim therefor.

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

Section 1. The act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," as reenacted, amended and revised by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred

"The First Class Township Code."

Act of June 24, 1931, P. L. 1206, as reenacted, amended and revised by act of May 27, 1949, P. L. 1955, further amended by adding, after section 3027, a new section 3027.1.

forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1955), is hereby further amended by adding, after section 3027, a new section to read as follows:

Section 3027.1. Removal of Diseased Trees.—The commission may, upon such notice as may be provided by ordinance, require owners of property to cut and remove trees afflicted with the Dutch elm or other disease which threatens to injure or destroy shade trees in the township, under regulations prescribed by ordinance. Upon failure of any such owner to comply with such notice, the township may cause the work to be done by the township and levy and collect the cost thereof from the owner of the property. The cost of such work shall be a lien upon the premises from the time of the commencement of the work, which date shall be fixed by the township engineer and shall be filed with the township secretary. Any such lien may be collected by action in assumpsit or by lien filed in the manner provided by law for the filing and collection of municipal claims.

APPROVED—The 17th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 297

AN ACT

To amend section 330.17 of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1278), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," by authorizing the assignment of county police to inside or special duties in certain cases, and prescribing the manner in which such assignments shall be made.

"The General County Law."

Section 330.17, act of May 2, 1929, P. L. 1278, as added by act of May 4, 1943, P. L. 159, amended.

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

Section 1. Section 330.17 of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1278), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," as added by the act, approved the fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws 159), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 330.17. Reducing in Rank; Suspension; Furloughing; Discharging.—(a) No person employed in a county police force shall be reduced in rank (except superintendent of police), suspended, furloughed, discharged or reinstated, except for the following reasons: