

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

Cities of the third class; retirement system.

Section 1. Section 10 of the act, approved the twenty-third day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 903), entitled "An act authorizing cities of the third class to establish an optional retirement system for officers and employes independently of any pension system or systems existing in such cities," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10, act of May 23, 1945, P. L. 903, amended.

Section 10. The councils of the cities shall annually set aside, apportion and appropriate out of all taxes and income of such city unto the board, a sum sufficient to maintain the compensation due under this act, not, however, to exceed in any one year an amount in excess of the proceeds of [three-tenths] *one-half* of one mill on the assessed valuation of the city for city purposes.

Appropriation from cities.

Limitation.

APPROVED—The 29th day of September, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 432

AN ACT

Authorizing the orphans' courts of the several counties, upon application therefor, to place documents defined as historical documents in the temporary custody of certain associations maintaining facilities for public display of historical writings; conferring powers and imposing duties on registers of wills.

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

Historical documents.

Section 1. As used in this act, the term "historical document" means any document relating to the property or the disposition of the property of a decedent who has been deceased for more than fifty (50) years and which is in the custody of a register of wills.

Meaning of term "historical document."

Section 2. Any non-profit public, quasi-public, or private association, incorporated or unincorporated, situated within the county where the historical documents are filed, which maintains a museum, building or facilities used for the exhibit of historical writings, and which shall have adequate facilities for the display and preservation of such documents, may petition the orphans' court of the county wherein such document or documents are filed for the transfer of the custody of such documents for the purpose of their public display. Upon the filing of any petition, the court shall fix a time for a hearing, and prescribe such notice to be given as shall acquaint similar organizations with the filing of the petition.

Orphans' court of proper county empowered to place such documents in custody of historical societies.

Right of other qualified associations to intervene as party petitioners.

Section 3. After the filing of such petition, any other association, meeting the requirements set forth in section two, may intervene as a party petitioner, with the same effect as if it had been the original petitioner, and the court, after hearing, may award custody of any historical document or documents to any such associations for such term and upon such conditions as the court shall prescribe.

Duties of register of wills.

Section 4. Upon the granting of a petition transferring custody of any historical documents, the register of wills shall substitute in his files a certified photostatic copy of such document, which shall be of the same force and effect as the original document.

Right of register of wills to petition for return of any such documents.

Section 5. The register of wills may at any time, without cause, petition the orphans' court for the return of any historical document, the custody of which had been previously transferred to any association.

Right of orphans' court to order return of such documents to register of wills.

Section 6. The orphans' court of any county, after having taken jurisdiction of the transfer of any historical document, may, without cause, and upon its own motion, order the association having such temporary custody to return such document to the register of wills of the county wherein it had been originally filed.

Act effective January 15, 1952.

*Section 7. This act shall become effective on January 15, 1952.

APPROVED—The 29th day of September, A. D. 1951.

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No. 433

AN ACT

Authorizing the Commonwealth to negotiate temporary emergency loans to defray current and other expenses of the State government during any fiscal biennium evidenced by tax anticipation notes, secured by and payable from current revenues of any current biennium levied, assessed, collectible and accruing during such fiscal biennium; defining the powers and duties of the Governor, the Auditor General and the State Treasurer in relation thereto; providing for the payment of interest on and the repayment of such loans; and making an appropriation.

Emergency loans.

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

Commonwealth authorized to negotiate emergency loans to defray current and other expenses of the State government during any fiscal biennium.

Section 1. Whenever the General Assembly has provided revenues for the general purposes of any fiscal biennium and the Governor, Auditor General and the State Treasurer determine such revenues will not be available in large part for the current and other expenses of the State government, as a result of which the collectible revenues may not be sufficient to defray the

* "Section 7" omitted in original.