

tion with a distinctive ring or telephone number. "Emergency," as used in this section, means a situation in which property or human life are in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential.

Notice of offense.

(b) Every telephone directory hereafter distributed to the members of the general public in this Commonwealth, or in any portion thereof, which lists the calling numbers of telephones of any telephone exchange located in this Commonwealth, shall contain a notice which explains the offense provided for in this section. The notice shall be printed in type which is not smaller than the smallest other type on the same page, and to be preceded by the word "warning" printed in type at least as large as the largest type on the same page. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to those directories distributed solely for business advertising purposes commonly known as classified directories, nor to any telephone directory heretofore distributed to the general public. Any person, firm or corporation providing telephone service which distributes, or causes to be distributed, in this Commonwealth copies of a telephone directory violating the provisions of this subsection, shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding for the first offense, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50), and for the second, or any subsequent offense, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300), or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both.

Act effective
January 1, 1956.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of June, A. D. 1955.

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No. 56

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 581), entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first class of this Commonwealth," changing the provisions for notices of ordinances and elections, relating to indebtedness in cities of the first class, and the contents and the advertising thereof.

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

Section 3, Article XVIII, act of June 25, 1919, P. L. 581, amended July 13, 1923, P. L. 1084, Act No. 445, further amended.

Section 1. Section three of Article XVIII, act of June twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 581), entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first class of this Commonwealth," amended July thirteen, one thousand nine

hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1084, No. 445), is amended to read:

Section 3. Within such limitation in amount as is now or may hereafter be established by the Constitution, the council may authorize new debt to be incurred or an increase of indebtedness, without the consent of the electors of the city at a public election; but the council may, in its discretion, submit to the electors for their consent, at a public election, the proposal contained in any ordinance authorizing new debt to be incurred or an increase of indebtedness, and any such new debt or increase of indebtedness to which the electors shall have given their consent shall be excluded in computing the amount of the indebtedness of the city incurred without the consent of the electors thereof; and the council may also submit to the electors for their consent, at a public election, the assumption, funding, or refunding of any indebtedness theretofore incurred without the assent of the electors; and if the electors shall consent to such assumption, funding, or refunding of any debt incurred without their consent, then the indebtedness so assumed, funded, or refunded shall in like manner be excluded in computing the amount of the indebtedness of the city incurred without the consent of the electors.

[Any] *Prior to the final passage of any ordinance authorizing new debt to be incurred or an increase of indebtedness, except for temporary loans, without the consent of the electors, [shall, prior to its final passage, be published daily for two weeks in two] a summary of the provisions of each section of the ordinance shall be published five times at intervals of not less than three days in two daily newspapers having a bona fide circulation in such city of at least thirty thousand copies per issue.*

Section 2. Section five of Article XVIII of the act is amended to read:

Section 5. After the passage of any such ordinance, the council shall give notice of the election to be held for the purpose of obtaining the consent of the electors, by advertisement once a week for [four] *three* weeks in each of three *daily* newspapers having a bona fide circulation in such city of at least thirty thousand copies per issue, *and in the legal journal designated by the rules of court for the publication of legal notices and advertisements.* The said notice or advertisement shall contain [a copy] *a summary of the provisions of each section of the ordinance authorizing the new debt to be*

incurred or the increase of indebtedness, *or the assumption or funding of indebtedness theretofore incurred without electoral consent* for which the consent of the electors is sought, and *only in the case of an ordinance authorizing an incurrence or an increase of indebtedness shall such notice* also set forth a certificate of the city controller showing:

(a) The aggregate amount of the [last preceding assessed valuation of the taxable property] *average of the annual assessed valuations of the taxable realty within the city during the ten years immediately preceding the year in which the increase is to be made.*

(b) The amount of the existing indebtedness.

(c) The amount of the deductions therefrom allowed by law.

(d) The amount of the existing indebtedness less the deductions therefrom allowed by law, and the percentage [of the last preceding assessed valuation of the taxable property] which such *net* amount represents of the *average of the annual assessed valuations of the taxable realty within the city during the ten years immediately preceding the year in which such increase is to be made.*

(e) The amount of the proposed new debt or increase of indebtedness and the percentage [of the last preceding assessed valuation of the taxable property] which such amount represents of the *average of the annual assessed valuations of the taxable realty within the city during the ten years immediately preceding the year in which such increase is to be made.*

(f) The amount of the existing indebtedness, plus the proposed new debt or increase of indebtedness, less the deductions therefrom allowed by law, and the percentage [of the last preceding assessed valuation of the taxable property] which such amount represents of the *average of the annual assessed valuations of the taxable realty within the city during the ten years immediately preceding the year in which such increase is to be made;* and

(g) The amount of indebtedness, less the deductions therefrom allowed by law, which the city may lawfully have outstanding, and the percentage [of the last preceding assessed valuation of the taxable property] which such *net* amount represents of the *average of the annual assessed valuations of the taxable realty within the city during the ten years immediately preceding the year in which such increase is to be made.*

APPROVED—The 23rd day of June, A. D. 1955.

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