the commission shall be such as may be determined and agreed upon by the cooperating authorities and county commissioners, and said authorities and county commissioners are hereby authorized to appropriate their respective shares of such expenses. Within the amounts thus agreed upon and duly appropriated, any such regional planning commission shall have the power to appoint such employes and staff as it may deem necessary for its work, and contract with planners and other consultants for such services as it may require. The regional planning commission may also receive and expend for the purposes of its planning work, including planning work in or for counties, cities, boroughs, townships and towns, within the region, any gifts, grants and appropriations of money from any other source, including Commonwealth, Federal, county or local funds, and may contract with governmental or private agencies or individuals with respect thereto.

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APPROVED—The 25th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 585

AN ACT

Amending the act of March thirty, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 115), entitled "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of electors in cities of the first class as a condition of their right to vote at elections and primaries, and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition of their right to vote at primaries; prescribing certain procedure for the conduct of elections and primaries and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors; and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties, bodies of electors, registration commissions, commissioners, registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees of registration commission, election officers, municipal officers, departments and bureaus, police officers, courts, judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county commissioners, peace officers, county treasurers, county controllers, registrars of vital statistics, real estate brokers, rental agents, certain public service companies, persons, firms, and corporations operating vehicles for moving furniture and household goods, and boards of school directors; and imposing penalties," removing limitations on the power of the commission to establish offices for receipt of applications for registration, and changing the provisions of the act as to registration of electors before municipal elections.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section seventeen, act of March thirty, one thousand nine hundred thirtyseven (Pamphlet Laws 115), known as "The First Class City Permanent Registration Act," amended May six-

The First Class City Permanent Registration Act. Subsection (a), section 17, act of March 30, 1937, P. L. 115, amended May 16, 1951, P. L. 305, further amended. teen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 305), is amended to read:

Section 17. Days and Hours of Registration; Places of Registration; Use of Polling Places; Payments of Rentals; Use of School Buildings; Public Notice.—

(a) The commission, or any commissioner, employe or clerk assigned for that purpose shall at the main office of the commission, during ordinary business hours, and during such additional hours as the commission shall from time to time prescribe, on each day, and on such days and during such hours as the commission may from time to time designate at other offices in the city which the commission shall from time to time [during the period of ninety days preceding any election] have power to establish and discontinue, except Sundays, holidays, the days hereinafter provided for the registration of electors in the districts or wards, the day of each election and each primary, the fifty days next preceding each general, municipal and primary election, and the thirty days next following each election and the five days next following each primary, receive personal applications from persons who claim that they are entitled to be registered as electors of the city and who appear for registration: Provided, however, That in case of a special election within a certain district (congressional, senatorial or representative). held on a day other than the day of a primary, general or municipal election, the registration of electors shall be discontinued in the wards comprising such district for the period of thirty-five days prior to and the five days next following such special election. In each year the commission may also, when it considers it necessary for the convenience of the electors, provide one or more places of registration in each or any ward of the city, at which two or more registrars, as the commission may deem necessary, shall be present to receive personal applications from qualified electors of the city who claim that they are entitled to be registered, which registrars shall be present thereat between the hours of seven antemeridian and one postmeridian, and between the hours of four and ten postmeridian on such days as may be selected by the commission, which shall be not more than sixty days, and not less than fifty days, prior to any general, municipal or primary election: Provided, further, however, That with respect to any person who shall become a citizen of the United States on a day subsequent to the sixtieth day prior to any election or primary, but at least one month prior to the day of such election or primary, the commission or any commissioner, employe or clerk assigned for that purpose shall receive personal applications from such person if

he or she is otherwise qualified at the office of the registration commission until the thirtieth day prior to such election or primary during ordinary business hours except Sundays, holidays and the days hereinbefore provided for the registration of electors in the districts or wards.

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APPROVED-The 25th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 586

AN ACT

Preamble.

To authorize the transfer of certain automobiles used in child welfare programs and purchased with Federal funds to certain counties.

Whereas, there are presently certain vehicles title to which is in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Property and Supplies, and

Whereas, these certain vehicles were purchased with Federal funds for the express purpose of aiding in the child welfare program in the counties, and

Whereas, to effect the purpose of the Federal grant of funds these vehicles were assigned to and have been used by the child welfare services of the various county institution districts, and

Whereas, several of these vehicles are to be replaced and several additional vehicles are to be purchased with allocated Federal funds, and

Whereas, no additional funds will be forthcoming or will be available for similar purposes in the future, and

Whereas, it is deemed expedient to divest the Commonwealth of responsibility for these vehicles.

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

Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies is hereby authorized to transfer to the county institution district of Adams County, for use in the child welfare services of the county institution district of Adams County, Equipment No. 004-3-2294, being a 1952 vehicle bearing Serial No. 14KJI-11362, or its contemplated station wagon replacement.

Section 2. The Department of Property and Supplies is hereby authorized to transfer to the county institution district of Bedford County, for use in the

Department of Property and Supplies authorized to transfer certain vehicular equipment to county institution districts in specified counties.