fixed overhead charges in conducting the institution, shall be paid by the counties constituting the districts in the ratio of their population according to the last preceding United States census.

The cost of the care and maintenance of the inmates [in said districts] shall be certified monthly to the counties from which inmates have been committed. Such cost shall be paid by the counties in proportion to the number of inmates committed from each county. All payments shall be on warrants of the county commissioners, countersigned by the county controller in counties where such officer exists.

APPROVED—The 13th day of June, A. D. 1957.

### GEORGE M. LEADER

### No. 157

#### AN ACT

Amending the act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," making awards, upon approval by the court, judgments of the court and giving them the dignity of judicial proceedings.

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

Section 1. The act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," is amended by adding, after section 34, a new section to read:

Section 34.1. If the appeal as aforesaid shall not be entered within the time hereinbefore limited, any party may present the award to the court for its approval and upon being approved by the court, such award and approval shall be regarded as a judgment of the court, and the award and approval shall be regarded and have the dignity of judicial proceedings within the meaning of Article IV., Section 1 of the United States Constitution.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of June, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

# No. 158

# AN ACT

Amending the act of June 25, 1947 (P. L. 1145), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school

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Cost of care and maintenance of inmates.

Reference and Arbitration.

Act of June 16, 1836, P. L. 715, amended by adding a new section 34.1.

Effect of award and approval within the meaning of Article IV., Section 1.