

Investigators.

*why the court should not permit a special investigator or investigators to assist them in the preparation of the case, or such specialists as justice of the case may require for the proper defense of their clients, and following a hearing, at which time such court appointed counsel shall sustain their request by evidence satisfactory to the court, the court shall grant such special investigator or investigators or expert witness or witnesses; and such expert assistance to such appointed counsel shall be paid by the county in which the said trial is being held upon approval by the court of such charges. When services are rendered by counsel, in pursuance of such assignment, the judge sitting at the trial of the case [may] shall allow such counsel all personal and incidental expenses, upon a sworn statement thereof being filed with the clerk of the court of quarter sessions, and also reasonable compensation for services rendered, not exceeding five hundred dollars for each counsel; which allowance of expenses and compensation shall be a charge upon the county in which the indictment in the action is found, to be paid by the county treasurer, or, where the city and county are coextensive, by the city treasurer, upon the certificate of the judge *presiding at the trial of the case: Provided, that in order to be entitled to such expenses and compensation, counsel so assigned must file with the judge, sitting at the trial of the case, an affidavit that he has not, directly or indirectly, received, nor entered into a contract to receive, any compensation for such services from any source other than herein provided.*

Expenses and compensation.**By whom payable.****Proviso.****Affidavit.**

APPROVED—The 10th day of November, A. D. 1959.

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No. 499

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," authorizing counties to acquire and maintain historical property and permitting county planning commissions to make recommendations in relation thereto.

The County Code.

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

* "president" in original.

Section 1. Article XIX., act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), known as "The County Code," is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new subdivision to read:

Article XIX., act of August 9, 1955, P. L. 323, amended by adding a new subdivision (p).

ARTICLE XIX.

SPECIAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNTIES

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(p) HISTORICAL PROPERTY

Section 1995. Acquisition, Repair and Maintenance of Historical Property.—The board of commissioners may acquire by purchase or by gift and repair, supervise, operate and maintain ancient landmarks and other property of historical or antiquarian interest, which is either listed in the catalogue of historical sites and buildings in Pennsylvania issued by the Joint State Government Commission, or approved for acquisition by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as having historical significance.

Section 2. Section 2002 of the act is amended to read:

Section 2002 of the act, amended.

Section 2002. Submission of Resolutions for Certain Improvements; Reports.—All resolutions of the county commissioners relating to the location of any public buildings in the county and to the location, extension, widening, enlargement, ornamentation or paving of any street, boulevard, parkway, bridge, tunnel, subway or underground road, park, playground or other public grounds, to the location or preservation of ancient landmarks and other property of historical or antiquarian interest, to the vacation of any highway or portion thereof, or to the making or alteration of the county plan of highways, or to any surface, underground or elevated railway, shall be furnished to the County Planning Commission, if one has been created, twenty days before their passage and adoption by the county commissioners.

The planning commission may make a report, or suggestion in relation thereto, if it deems the report necessary or advisable for the consideration of the said commissioners. If the report is made by the commission prior to the expiration of the said twenty days, the county commissioners may immediately proceed with the adoption of the said resolution. All reports when delivered to the said commissioners shall be for the information of the public as well as for the commissioners, and the commissioners shall furnish to any newspaper of the county on request, for publication, a copy of any such report.

APPROVED—The 10th day of November, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE