the affirmative vote of seven members of a nine member council shall be required to pass the proposed amendment, supplement or change.

Upon final approval of the ordinance adopted in accordance with the above, said ordinance shall be forthwith published in accordance with the provisions of section 1014 of this act relating to publication of ordinances prescribing penalties.

Act effective immediately.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 14th day of June, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 198

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," prescribing membership of board of commissioners of the sinking fund commission in cities which have adopted the mayor-council plan A.

The Third Class City Code.

Section 2702, act of June 23, 1931, P. L. 932, reenacted and amended June 28, 1951, P. L. 662, further amended. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 2702, act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), known as "The Third Class City Code," reenacted and amended June 28, 1951 (P. L. 662), is amended to read:

Section 2702. Sinking Fund Commissioners; Duties. -[The] Except as hereafter provided, the mayor, treasurer, and director of accounts and finance of each city shall constitute a board of commissioners of the sinking fund of the city. The mayor shall be chairman, and the director of accounts and finance secretary. In any city which adopts the mayor-council plan A pursuant to the Optional Third Class City Charter Law, the mayor, treasurer and the controller shall constitute a board of commissioners of the sinking fund of the city. The mayor shall be chairman and the controller shall be The board shall keep the accounts of the secretary. sinking fund, see to their proper application, and superintend the investment of the same, in accordance with law and the directions of the city council. The council shall not direct the investment of any moneys to the credit of the sinking fund except in the loans of the city, the loans of the United States, or the loans of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The income derived from any investments shall be credited and applied to the

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sinking fund or funds, respectively. The commissioners shall meet as often as may be necessary, keep a record of the proceedings, and shall annually, in the month of January, make a report to council of the condition and application of the fund, together with such recommendations in relation thereto as they shall deem expedient.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED-The 14th day of June, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 199

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 15, 1957 (P. L. 901), entitled "An act giving cities of the third class the right and power to adopt one of several plans of optional charters and to exercise the powers and authority of local self-government subject to certain restrictions and limitations; providing procedures for such adoption and defining the effect thereof," further regulating the preparation and adoption of budgets after adoption of Mayor-Council Plan A.

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

Section 1. Sections 417 and 418, act of July 15, 1957 (P. L. 901), known as the "Optional Third Class City Charter Law," are amended to read:

Section 417. The city budget shall be prepared by the mayor with the assistance of the business administrator or other officer designated by the mayor. [Not later than the month of November] Except for the budget for the first budget year after adoption of the Mayor-Council Plan A, the mayor shall, not later than the month of November, require all department heads to submit requests for appropriations for the ensuing budget year, and to appear before the mayor or the business administrator or other officer at public hearings, which shall be held during that month, on the various requests. In preparation of the budget for the first budget year after adoption of the Mayor-Council Plan A, such requests shall be made and such hearings shall be held in February of the first budget year.

Section 418. [At] Except as hereafter provided for submission of the first recommended budget after adoption of the Mayor-Council Plan A, at the last stated meeting in November, the mayor shall submit to council his recommended budget in the form of an ordinance, together with such explanatory comment or statement as he may deem desirable. After adoption of the Mayor-

Optional Third Class City Charter Law.

Sections 417 and 418, act of July 15, 1957, P. L. 901, amended.