No. 228

AN ACT

SB 597

Amending the act of March 31, 1949 (P. L. 372), entitled "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating The General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve, equip, furnish, and operate projects, and to lease the same, and to fix fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds for said Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into agreements with the Government of the United States or any Federal agency; and authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein, and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent domain; empowering The General State Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act," harmonizing the language of existing amendments and increasing the borrowing capacity of the Authority and allocating the proceeds of such borrowing capacity.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of clause (i) of section 4, act of March 31, 1949 (P. L. 372), known as the "General State Authority Act of one thousand nine hundred forty-nine," amended January 21, 1966 (P. L. 1446) and January 21, 1966 (P. L. 1452), is amended to read:

Section 4. Purposes and Powers: General.—The Authority is created for the purpose of constructing, improving, equipping, furnishing, maintaining, acquiring and operating sewers, sewer systems, and sewage treatment works for State institutions of every kind and character (heretofore or hereafter constructed), public buildings for the use of the Commonwealth, an official residence in the City of Harrisburg which shall thereafter be used as the official residence of the Governor of the Commonwealth, municipal exhibition halls, State arsenals, armories, and military reserves, State airports and landing fields, State institutions of every kind and character (heretofore or hereafter constructed), additions and improvements to land grant colleges. State colleges, universities and medical colleges, manual training schools, agricultural and industrial schools receiving State aid, school buildings and the furnishings and equipment thereof for the use of the public schools, State highways, and bridges, toll bridges, tunnels, and traffic circles on State highways, swimming pools, reservoirs and lakes, marinas, marine terminals, port improvements, low head dams, improvements to river embankments, desilting dams, impounding basins, flood control projects, and the purchase of lands for rehabilitation purposes in connection with State institutions and for use of State colleges (any and all the foregoing being herein called "projects"): Provided, however, That the purpose and intent of this act being to benefit the people of the Commonwealth by, among other things, increasing their commerce and prosperity, and not to unnecessarily burden or interfere with existing business by the establishment of competitive enterprises, none of the powers granted hereby (other than for the construction, improvement and maintenance of bridges) shall be exercised in the construction, improvement, maintenance, extension or operation of any project or projects which, in whole or in part, shall duplicate or compete with existing enterprises serving substantially the same purposes. Whenever any bill authorizing the Authority to undertake specific projects becomes law, the Authority shall not undertake any project which at any time was included in such bill but which was not included in the bill as finally passed. The Authority is hereby granted and shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

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(i) To borrow money, make and issue negotiable notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness or obligations (herein called "bonds") of the Authority, not exceeding [one billion five hundred twenty-nine million, one hundred eighty thousand nine hundred forty-four dollars (\$1,529,180,944)] one billion five hundred twenty-nine million three

hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred forty-four dollars

(\$1,529,327,944) in the aggregate, and in addition thereto, such bonds

the Authority may, from time to time, determine to issue for the purpose of refunding bonds previously issued by the Authority, and to secure the payment of all bonds, or any part thereof, by pledge or deed of trust of all or any of its revenues, rentals, and receipts, and to make such agreements with the purchasers or holders of such bonds or with others in connection with any such bonds, whether issued or to be issued, as the Authority shall deem advisable, and in general to provide for the security for said bonds and the rights of the holders thereof.

The Authority shall on or before the first day of March in each odd numbered year, submit to the General Assembly its construction report and estimate of cost thereof for the coming biennium. Such report shall also contain therein a report of each specific project previously authorized by law which has been cancelled, stating the reason for such cancellation.

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Section 2. The proceeds of this increased borrowing capacity shall be allocated approximately in the following manner:

I. To the Department of Forests and Waters for improve-

ment of Chartiers Creek Channel \$140,000

This sum is in addition to the amount allocated in subclause (43) clause IV of subsection 2, act of January 21, 1966 (P. L. 1452). APPROVED-The 25th day of October, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 229

AN ACT

SB 917

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," increasing the amount of expenses which may be paid by counties for county officers attending meetings of their associations.

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

Section 1. Section 435, act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), known as the "Second Class County Code," is amended to read:

Section 435. Expenses of Attending; Members to be Paid by County; Time Limit on Meetings.—(a) The actual reasonable expenses of all county officers authorized to attend the annual meetings of their associations, including hotel bills, shall be paid by the county out of general county funds. Such expense shall not exceed [twenty] thirty-

five dollars per day, together with [eight] ten cents per mile in going

to, attending and returning from such meeting.

(b) The annual meeting of the association of county commissioners, county solicitors and chief clerks shall not exceed four days, that of the district attorneys shall not exceed two days, and those of all other State associations shall not exceed three days, in every case, exclusive of the time spent in traveling to and from the said meetings.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 25th day of October, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER