

agencies and instrumentalities, as well as private interests, so as to result in <sup>1</sup> as effective and economical a program as possible.

Section 8. Grants by Counties or Municipalities.—Any county or municipality in any metropolitan area which is a member of a local transportation organization shall be and it is hereby authorized to make annual grants from current revenues to such local transportation organization to assist in defraying the costs of operations, maintenance and debt service of such local transportation organization or of a particular mass transportation project of such local transportation organization and to enter into long-term agreements providing for the payment of the same. The obligation of a municipality or county under any such agreement shall not be considered to be a part of its indebtedness, nor shall such obligation be deemed to impair the status of any indebtedness of such municipality or county which would otherwise be considered as self-sustaining.

Section 9. Limitation on Decisions, Findings and Regulations Made by the Secretary.—All decisions, findings and regulations made by the secretary pursuant to this act shall be for the purposes of this act only and shall not constitute evidence before any regulatory body of this Commonwealth or any other jurisdiction.

Section 10. Repealer.—The act of June 30, 1965 (P. L. 163), known as the "Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Law," is hereby repealed.

Section 11. Constitutional Construction.—The provisions of this act shall be severable, and if any of the provisions thereof shall be held unconstitutional, such decisions shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this act. It is hereby declared as the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provision not been included herein.

Section 12. Effective Date.—This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of January, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

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No. 9

AN ACT

HB 1038

Authorizing grants by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to duly constituted community action agencies providing conditions and making an appropriation.

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

<sup>1</sup> "an" in original.

Section 1. Community action agencies recognized under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended, which coordinate economic opportunity programs for cities, boroughs, towns, townships and counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, may receive grants through the Department of Community Affairs not to exceed ten per cent of the total cost of the community action program.

Section 2. The Department of Community Affairs shall administer this program and may provide rules and regulations necessary to administer the grants. Contracts between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Community Affairs and the community action agency receiving the grant, shall be executed, setting forth the amount and conditions of the grant and provide for the return of any unused portions thereof to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 3. The sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Affairs to be expended by making grants for carrying out the purposes of this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1967.

APPROVED—The 26th day of January, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

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No. 10

AN ACT

HB 459

Amending the act of May 31, 1933 (P. L. 1108), entitled "An act providing for the appointment, promotion, reduction, removal and reinstatement of paid officers, firemen and employes of fire departments and of fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors in the bureaus of electricity in cities of the second and third class; defining the powers and duties of civil service commissions for such purposes; and fixing penalties," specifically providing for the election, by council, of civil service boards to administer the provisions of the act.

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

Section 1. The act of May 31, 1933 (P. L. 1108), entitled "An act providing for the appointment, promotion, reduction, removal and reinstatement of paid officers, firemen and employes of fire departments and of fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors in the bureaus of electricity in cities of the second and third class; defining the powers and duties of civil service commissions for such purposes; and fixing