No. 1978-279

AN ACT

HB 663

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," permitting county associations of township officers to hold conferences, institutes or schools; and further providing for expenses of township officers and employes attending county association conventions, conferences, institutes and schools.

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

Section 1. Section 610, act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569) and amended April 23, 1963 (P.L.24, No.21), is amended to read:

Section 610. Formation of County Associations; Meetings.—County associations of township officers may be formed in the respective counties, or the township officers of two or more counties may form a joint county association. Such associations, when formed, shall hold annual conventions, or may hold semiannual or quarterly conventions, conferences, institutes, or schools at the county seats of the respective counties, or some other suitable place within the [county] Commonwealth, for the purpose of considering and discussing questions and subjects pertaining to the best methods for the construction, improvement, and maintenance of the public highways and bridges, and the administration of township governments.

Section 2. Section 611 of the act, amended June 1, 1967 (P.L.28, No.18), is amended to read:

Section 611. Membership of Associations; Expenses of Members.—The township commissioners and other officers of the township designated by the township commissioners shall attend such conventions, conferences, institutes or schools whenever possible. Each township officer attending such convention, conference, institute or school shall receive a certificate, signed by the presiding officer and secretary or acting secretary of the [convention] association, attesting his presence at the convention, conference, institute or school. Such certificate shall entitle him to collect from the township treasurer the sum of [twenty dollars] thirty-five dollars per day for each day's attendance and mileage at the rate of [ten cents] twelve cents per mile traveled, to be computed by the route usually traveled from his place of residence to the place where the convention, conference, institute or school is held. No township officer shall be paid for more than [two] seven days' attendance in any one year. The expenses of holding any such convention shall be paid pro rata by the townships joining therein.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 26th day of November, A. D. 1978.

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