

CHAPTER MMCCXLVII.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION OF POOR CHILDREN
GRATIS.

Whereas, by the first section of the seventh article of the constitution of this commonwealth, it is directed "That the legislature shall, as soon as conveniently may be, provide by law for the establishment of schools throughout the state, in such manner as that the poor may be taught gratis." Therefore,

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, the guardians and overseers of the poor of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark and township of the Northern Liberties, and every township and borough within this commonwealth, shall ascertain the names of all those children whose parents or guardians they shall judge to be unable to give them necessary education, and shall give notice in writing to such parents or guardians, that provision is made by law for the education of their children or the children under their care, and that they have a full and free right to subscribe, at the usual rates, and send them to any school in their neighborhood, giving notice thereof, as soon as may be, to the guardians or overseers, of the term for which they have subscribed, the number of scholars, and the rate of tuition; and in those townships where there are no guardians or overseers of the poor, the supervisors of the highways shall perform the duties herein required to be done by the guardians or overseers of the poor.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every guardian, overseer of the poor, or supervisor of the highway, as the case may be,

in any township or place where any such child or children shall be sent to school as aforesaid, shall enter in a book, the name or names, age and length of time such child or children shall have been so sent to school, together with the amount of schooling, school books and stationary, and shall levy and collect, in the same way and manner, and under the same regulations as poor taxes or road taxes are levied and collected, a sufficient sum of money from their respective townships, boroughs, wards, or districts, to discharge such expenses, together with the sum of five per centum for their trouble.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the guardians or overseers of the poor for the time being, or supervisors of the highways, as the case may be, shall use all diligence and prudence in carrying this act into effect, and shall settle their accounts in the same way and manner as by the existing laws of the state, the guardians, overseers of the poor and supervisors of the highways, are authorized and required to settle their accounts.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force for the term of three years, and from thence to the end of the next sitting of the general assembly, and no longer.

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CHAPTER MMCCXLVIII.

AN ACT ALTERING THE PLACE OF HOLDING ELECTIONS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the electors of the fourth election district, in the county of Northampton, shall from and after the passing of this act, hold their general elections