

be entitled to charge and receive seventy-five cents (\$.75) for recording each such assignment and each such release.

Section 5. Such chattel mortgages, upon default by the mortgagor in the payment of the mortgage debt and interest or the covenants in the mortgage contained, may be foreclosed and the mortgage chattels sold in the same manner as authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth in the case of personal property sold under execution.

Mortgages may be foreclosed.

Section 6. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 18th day of April, A. D. 1935.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 22

AN ACT

To validate and confirm certain contracts, expenditures or payments heretofore made, ratified or approved by councils of cities of the third class, and to direct payments thereunder by the fiscal officers of such cities in certain cases.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That, except as in this act otherwise expressly provided, every contract for personal services and for the payment of compensation therefor and every expenditure or payment heretofore made by any officer of a city of the third class, and ratified or approved by the council of such city is hereby confirmed and declared valid and binding on the respective city of the third class, and where payment has not already been made, the payment of such compensation by the fiscal officers of such city of the third class is hereby directed and made mandatory, and no member of council or any fiscal officer of such city of the third class shall be liable to surcharge or to prosecution for any crime or misdemeanor for or on account of any such contract, expenditure or payment, or for voting in favor of the authorization, ratification or approval of the same, notwithstanding the failure to comply with the requirements of section nine hundred and two of the act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred thirty-two), commonly called "The Third Class City Law"; that council shall prescribe by ordinance the number, duties, and compensation of the officers and employees of the city, and that no payment of compensation shall be made from the city treasury, or be in anywise authorized to any person, except an officer or employee elected or appointed in pursuance of law.

Cities of the third class.

The provisions of this act do not apply to such contracts or payments where it is found either that such contracts, expenditures or payments have been made, ratified or approved fraudulently, or with intent or conspiracy to defraud, or that the city of the third class shall have suffered pecuniary loss as a result thereof.

When effective.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 18th day of April, A. D. 1935.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 23

AN ACT

To amend sections six hundred and fifty, six hundred and fifty-one, section six hundred and fifty-two as amended, sections six hundred and fifty-four, six hundred and fifty-five, and six hundred and fifty-six of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred seventy-eight), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," empowering counties to acquire lands for recreational purposes; and to build parkways, bridges, paths and foot paths.

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classes.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That sections six hundred and fifty, and six hundred and fifty-one of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred seventy-eight), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto" are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 650. Power to Acquire Land and Buildings.—The county commissioners of any county may designate and set apart for use as parks, *parkways*, *bridle paths*, *foot paths*, playgrounds, playfields, gymnasiums, public baths, swimming pools or indoor recreation centers, any lands or buildings owned by such county and not dedicated or devoted to other public use. The county commissioners may also acquire lands or buildings for such purposes by gift or purchase, or may lease lands or buildings in such county for temporary use for such purposes.

Section 651. Equipment and Maintenance.—The authority to supervise, *build* and maintain parks, *parkways*, *bridle paths*, *foot paths*, playgrounds, playfields, gymnasiums, public baths, swimming pools or indoor recreation centers may be vested in any existing body or board, or in a park board, or recreation board, as the