

or structure erected or to be erected on such lands of the Commonwealth: Provided, That the coal given by the department, board, or commission, to private interests, shall be approximately equivalent in value to the coal received in exchange therefor; every such department, board, or commission is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver and to receive legal instruments and deeds necessary to effectuate any exchange authorized hereunder, which instruments and deeds shall have the prior approval of the Department of Justice, and a copy thereof shall be filed with the Department of Internal Affairs.

(c) Any department, board, or commission, having control over any water supply serving any State institution or sanitorium, may, with the approval of the Governor, permit and authorize the public authorities of any political subdivision, to which no other source of supply is available, under suitable regulations, to tap the lines of any such water supply for the purpose of supplying water to the people of any community living in proximity to such institution or sanitorium, and may impose reasonable charges payable periodically by such political subdivision for the water so furnished. All moneys, received under the provisions of this clause, shall be paid into the State Treasury through the Department of Revenue.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment. When effective.

APPROVED—The 22d day of May, A. D. 1935.

GEORGE H. EARLE

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No. 101

AN ACT

To amend a part of section one of the act, approved the twelfth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred one), entitled "An act to ascertain and appoint the fees to be received by the several prothonotaries of the courts of common pleas of the Commonwealth, in counties having a population of over two hundred thousand and under one million, and to provide the time of paying the same," as amended and extended to counties having a population of one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants and over, by reducing the fee charged for filing municipal and tax liens.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That part of section one of the act, approved the twelfth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred one), entitled "An act to ascertain and appoint the fees to be received by the several prothonotaries of the courts of common pleas of the Commonwealth, in counties having a population of over two hundred thousand and under one million, and to provide

A part of section 1, act of May 12, 1911 (P. L. 301), amended.

the time of paying the same," as amended and extended by the act, approved the twenty-third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred fifteen), which relates to the fees charged for filing and docketing municipal and tax liens, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Filing and docketing municipal or tax liens, each, [two dollars] *one dollar*.

APPROVED—The 22d day of May, A. D. 1935.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 102

AN ACT

Creating a Local Government Commission to study and report on functions of local government; their allocation and elimination; the cost of local government and means of reducing it; and the consolidation of local government; and making an appropriation.

Preamble.

Whereas, Local government of small areas was developed in the past principally because of the lack of adequate means of transportation and communication; and

Whereas, The development of local government has not kept step with the development of transportation and communication, and functions of government have been added, from time to time, without proper study or knowledge of the correct allocation of such functions; and

Whereas, The support of local government has become a financial problem, and ways and means should be devised to lessen the existing and ever-increasing cost of local government which is now mainly a burden on real property, and of creating a more scientific and simplified system; therefore

Local government.

Commission.

Officers of the commission.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That a commission is hereby created which shall consist of ten members, five of whom shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, and five shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The commission shall be known as the "Local Government Commission." The commission shall organize, at the call of the President pro tempore of the Senate, by electing a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary. The secretary need not be a member of the commission. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

Duty of the commission.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the commission to study and investigate (a) the functions of local government, their proper allocation, and the possibility of elimi-