

*ing and replacing of its water supply system. The city shall annually place into the fund the difference between ten (10) per cent of the net receipts collected by it incidental to the supplying of water and water service and the amount, if any, expended in repairing or replacing its water supply system. The total amount in the special fund shall not exceed in the aggregate ten (10) per cent of the net receipts for any three years.*

*The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit the powers of the city to use receipts from water or water services for purposes of repairing or replacing its water supply system.*

APPROVED—The 19th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 298

### AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to accept, on behalf of the Commonwealth, a certain tract of land with buildings thereon in the Township of Newport, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

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

Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies is hereby authorized to accept, on behalf of the Commonwealth, for the use of Retreat State Hospital, that tract of land with buildings thereon situate in the Township of Newport, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe corner located 35.17 feet from the southwest corner of "Cottage A" and 56.17 feet from the southeast corner of "Cottage B," the distance between the said corners of Cottages A and B being 38.25 feet; thence in a northeasterly direction along lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 100.0 feet to an iron pipe corner in the center of a surface drainage ditch; thence in a southeasterly direction along lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 150.16 feet to an iron stake in the center of a surface drainage ditch; thence in a southwesterly direction along lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 103.65 feet to an iron pipe corner; thence in a northwesterly direction along lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 74.87 feet to an iron pipe, the place of beginning; and being a part of the same land conveyed to the Central Poor District of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, by deed of Barnett Houpt and wife, by deed dated April 11, 1864, and recorded in Luzerne County, Deed Book 96, at page 118.

Real property.

Department of Property and Supplies authorized to accept, for use of Retreat State Hospital, certain land, etc., situate in Township of Newport, Luzerne County.

Description.

Being clause.

Approval of  
title, etc.

Section 2. The title to said real estate shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth, and shall, before its acquisition, be approved by the Department of Justice.

Act effective  
immediately.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 19th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 299

AN ACT

Providing additional compensation for coroners in fifth class counties under certain circumstances.

Coroners—Fifth  
class counties.

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

Additional  
compensation.

Section 1. In counties of the fifth class, the coroner shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each inquest held by him after he has held one hundred inquests during each year. Such moneys shall be paid by the county and shall be in addition to the salary payable under existing law.

Applicability  
of act.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall be applicable to all coroners who begin a term of office on or after January first, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four.

APPROVED—The 19th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 300

AN ACT

To amend section 263 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," by authorizing electors in certain cases to present petitions to the court for the submission to the electors of a question of merger of school districts.

"Public School  
Code of 1949."

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

Section 263, act  
of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
amended.

Section 1. Section 263 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending,