

Section 1. At the municipal election in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-three, there shall be submitted, in the manner provided by the election laws of the Commonwealth, a question to determine the will of the electorate of the Commonwealth in regard to a constitutional convention. Such question shall be in the following form:

Referendum to determine will of electorate in regard to such a convention.

Form of question.

Do you favor the preparation by a convention of a new constitution subject to ratification by a vote of the people?	Yes	
	No	

The question shall be printed on the official and specimen ballots or on separate official ballots in bound form by the county board of elections in each county, and a sufficient number of ballots shall be furnished to the election officers in each election district of every county so that one ballot may be supplied to each voter at such election. In districts where voting machines are used, such question shall appear on the face of the machine, where the machine is properly equipped for such purposes.

The results of such election shall be tabulated by the proper election officers of each county and the results thereof certified to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Results of election.

If a majority of those voting on the question vote in favor of the preparation of a new constitution, the General Assembly, at its regular session in 1955, shall provide by legislation for the selection of delegates to the constitutional convention, for the time and place of holding the same, for the organization and conduct of the convention, and for the submission of the constitution agreed on by it to the electors of the Commonwealth for their approval or rejection.

Action by General Assembly of 1955 required in event of approval.

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

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 380

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," by extending the powers of cities relating to certain tunnels, bridges and viaducts.

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

"The Third Class City Code."

Act of June 23, 1931, P. L. 932, as reenacted and amended by act of June 28, 1951, P. L. 662, further amended by adding, immediately after clause 15 of section 2403 thereof, a new clause 15.1.

Section 1. The act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," as reenacted and amended by the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 662), is hereby further amended by adding, immediately after clause 15 of section 2403 thereof, a new clause to read as follows:

Section 2403. Specific Powers.—In addition to other powers granted by this act, the council of each city shall have power, by ordinance:

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15.1. *Railroad Companies; Conveyances and Grants of Rights of Way.*—Subject to the provisions of the Public Utility Law, to lease, license or grant rights of way to railroad companies through tunnels or over bridges and viaducts, to enter into agreements with railroad companies for the maintenance of any such tunnels, bridges or viaducts, and to convey such tunnels, bridges or viaducts to railroad companies that have paid in part for their construction, where legal title to said tunnels, bridges or viaducts is not vested in the city but will vest in the city by operation of law or under the terms of any contract.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 381

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 382), entitled "An act providing for the incorporation as bodies corporate and politic of 'Authorities' for municipalities, counties and townships; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of such Authorities heretofore or hereafter incorporated; authorizing such Authorities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain and operate projects, and to borrow money and issue bonds therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds, and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring the right of eminent domain on such Authorities; authorizing such Authorities to enter into contracts with and to accept grants from the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and conferring exclusive jurisdiction on certain courts over rates," by providing that an Authority shall have the power to construct structures to provide for the elimination of grade crossings