

error, the said agreement shall be deemed and taken to be the act of consolidation of said company.

(c) Said agreement shall be submitted to the members of each of said mutual companies, at separate special meetings or at any annual meetings, of the time, place, and object of which respective meeting due notice shall be given by publication, once a week for three consecutive weeks, in at least two newspapers in the county or in each of the counties in which the principal office of the respective companies shall situate. Additional thirty days notice of the time, place, and object of such meetings shall be given by first class mail to all members of the respective companies, requesting them to vote on the said agreement, in person or by proxy. Said notice shall be mailed by said companies to the last known address of said members on the records of said companies.

At said meetings the said agreement of the directors or trustees shall be considered, and a vote of the members, in person or by proxy, shall be taken, by ballot, for the adoption or rejection of the same. If two-thirds in amount of the members of each of the said companies, who are present at said meetings in person or by proxy, shall vote in favor of said agreement, merger, and consolidation, then that fact shall be certified by the secretary of each company, under the corporate seal thereof, and said certificate, together with the said agreement or a copy thereof, shall be filed in the office of the Insurance Commissioner. The Insurance Commissioner shall examine the proceedings, and, if he finds the same to be in accordance with law and not injurious to the interests of the policyholders and creditors, shall endorse his approval thereon, and forthwith present the same to the Governor for his approval. When approved by the Governor, the said agreement shall be deemed and taken to be the act of consolidation of said company.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 295

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 5, 1941 (P. L. 752), entitled "An act regulating and improving the civil service of certain departments and agencies of the Commonwealth; vesting in the State Civil Service Commission and a Personnel Director certain powers and duties; providing for classification of positions, adoption of compensation schedules and certification of payrolls; imposing duties upon certain officers and employes of the Commonwealth; authorizing service to other State depart-

ments or agencies and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth in matters relating to civil service; defining certain crimes and misdemeanors; imposing penalties; making certain appropriations, and repealing certain acts and parts thereof," requiring that the commission permit certain promotions.

Civil Service Act. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 501, act of August 5, 1941, P. L. 752, amended June 21, 1947, P. L. 835, further amended.

Section 1. Section 501, act of August 5, 1941 (P. L. 752), known as the "Civil Service Act," amended June 21, 1947 (P. L. 835), is amended to read:

Section 501. Examinations Requisite for Appointment and Promotion.—[(a)] Except as otherwise provided in this act, appointments of persons entering the classified service or promoted therein shall be from eligible lists established as the result of examinations given by the director to determine the relative merit of candidates. Such examinations may be written and shall be competitive and open to all persons who may be lawfully appointed to positions within the classes for which the examinations are held. Persons applying for positions or promotions in the offices designated as central administrative offices (which shall include all those having jurisdiction throughout the State) shall be citizens of the United States and shall have been legal residents of the Commonwealth for a period of not less than one year before making application and persons applying for positions or promotions in offices designated as district offices (which shall include all those whose jurisdiction is limited to a particular district) shall be citizens of the United States, and shall have been legal residents of the Commonwealth for a period of not less than one year, and in the district in which such office having jurisdiction thereof is located, for a period of not less than six months before making application. The director shall prepare the proper State and district employment and promotion eligible lists when necessary: Provided, That after an examination has been conducted for any class of positions, if there is no person with such legal residence in any administrative district, remaining on the register the director may certify and the appointing authority may make the appointment or promotion from the names of persons on an appropriate eligible list for the same class of positions of other administrative districts. Limitations as to age, sex, health, moral character, experience and other qualifications may be specified in the rules of the commission and in the announcements of the examinations. All applications for positions in the classified service shall be under oath. As far as is in the judgment of the commission consistent with the best interest of the Commonwealth, vacancies shall be filled by promotion. The commission may limit competition in

promotion examinations to employes in the classified service who have completed their probationary period in a class or classes designated in the public notice of the examinations, and may permit promotions to be accomplished by any one of the [three] *two* following plans: (1) by appointment from open competitive lists; or (2) [by appointment without examination, if the person has completed his probationary period in the next lower position, and if he meets the minimum requirements for the higher position; or (3)] by achieving a place on an eligible list after a promotional examination, such examination having been given at the request of the appointing authority. *The commission shall permit promotions, based upon meritorious service and seniority, to be accomplished by appointment without examination if the person has completed his probationary period in the next lower position and if he meets the minimum requirements for the higher position.*

APPROVED—The 2nd day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

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No. 296

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," further regulating the adoption of zoning codes.

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

The First Class
Township Code.

Section 1. Clause I. of section 1502, act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955), is amended to read:

Clause I. section
1502, act of
June 24, 1931,
P. L. 1206, re-
enacted and
amended May
27, 1949, P. L.
1955, further
amended.

Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners. The board shall have power—

I. Ordinances and Resolutions. To adopt resolutions and ordinances prescribing the manner in which powers of the township shall be carried out, and generally regulating the affairs of the township. All such ordinances, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be published at least once in one newspaper of general circulation in the township. Such ordinance shall not become effective until ten days after the publication aforesaid. In any case in which maps, plans or drawings of any kind are adopted as part of an ordinance, the commissioners may, instead of publishing the same as part of the ordinance,