

State-aid highways; providing method of application for State aid in the improvement, maintenance and repair of township or county roads and prescribing the contents of township, county, borough, or incorporated town petitions; providing for percentage of cost of improvement or repairs to be paid by State, county, township, borough, or incorporated town, and requiring contracts by counties, townships, boroughs, and incorporated towns with Commonwealth governing same; providing for the minimum width of State Highways and State-aid highways, and kind of materials to be used in the improvement; providing for payment of cost of improvement and repairs; providing penalty for injuring or destroying State Highways; making appropriations to carry out the provisions of the act; and providing for the repeal of certain acts relating to Highway Department and improvement of roads, and of all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith; and providing that existing contracts are not affected by provisions of this act," is amended to read:

Route One Hundred and Thirty-seven. From West Chester to Lebanon.—Commencing in West Chester, and running by way of Downingtown, Guthriesville, and Honey Brook to a point on the dividing line between Chester and Lancaster counties; thence by way of Beartown, East Earl, Hinkletown, Ephrata, and Brickerville to a point on the dividing line between Lancaster and Lebanon counties; thence [by way] to an intersection with Legislative Route 1014 in the Borough of Cornwall; beginning again at an intersection with Application 4668 in the Borough of Cornwall and continuing in a northerly direction to a point on the boundary line of the city of Lebanon, Lebanon County.

Section 2. The highway established as a State highway under the provisions of this act may be taken over for construction and maintenance at any time subsequent to the final enactment of this act when the same shall become effective, and shall be taken over not later than January 1, 1966.

APPROVED—The 1st day of September, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 232

AN ACT

HB 1591

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P. L. 103), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," providing for a change of township name.

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

Section 1. The act of May 1, 1933 (P. L. 103), known as "The Second Class Township Code," reenacted and amended July 10, 1947 (P. L. 1481), is amended by adding after Article II, a new article to read:

ARTICLE IIA

CHANGE OF NAME OF TOWNSHIP OF SECOND CLASS

Section 201A. Petition of Electors.—Upon petition to the court of quarter sessions of at least ten per centum of the registered electors of any township of the second class setting forth that the inhabitants of the township desire to change the name of the township, the court shall order an election to be held on the next day appointed for the holding of a general, municipal or primary election occurring at least ninety days after the presentation of the petition, at which election the question whether the name of the township shall be changed shall be submitted to the voters of the township.

Section 202A. Filing and Advertisement of Petition.—Upon determination by the court that the petition for change of name of the township is in proper form and properly executed, and the entry of the court order thereon, the original petition shall be filed with the clerk of the court and a copy of the petition and order of the court shall be filed with the county board of elections which shall frame the proper question to be submitted to the electors at the election ordered by the court. Notice of the election shall be given in at least one newspaper of general circulation of the proper county once a week for four consecutive weeks, which shall set forth the time of the election and the purpose thereof. The publication of the notice shall be made on behalf of the petitioners in such form as the court shall approve.

Section 203A. Returns and Effect of Election.—The election officers shall compute the votes cast on the question and make return thereof to the clerk of the court of quarter sessions who shall tabulate the

same and certify the result thereof. If a majority of the votes cast at any such election shall be in favor of the change of township name, the court shall so order and shall order the record of the proceedings to be permanently recorded. If a majority of the votes were against the change, there shall be no further proceedings on the petition.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 1st day of September, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 233

AN ACT

HB 1601

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P. L. 103), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," prohibiting appointed certified public accountants from fixing or determining compensations of officers and employees.

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

Section 1. Clause XLV of section 702, act of May 1, 1933 (P. L. 103), known as "The Second Class Township Code," reenacted and amended July 10, 1947 (P. L. 1481), and amended June 10, 1957 (P. L. 288), is amended to read:

Section 702. Supervisors to Exercise Powers.—The corporate powers of townships of the second class shall be exercised by the township supervisors. Where no specific authority is given for the expenditures incident to the exercise of any power hereinafter conferred, or where no specific fund is designated from which such expenditures shall be made, appropriations for such expenditures shall be made only from the general township fund. In addition to the duties imposed upon them by section 516 hereof, they shall have power—

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XLV. Appointment of Certified Public Accountant.—To employ a certified public accountant to be appointed by the court of common pleas to audit the accounts of the township and the township officers, if a petition has been presented to the supervisors by at least twenty-five taxpayers of the township asking for such appointment. The amount paid to the certified public accountant in any year shall not exceed