

CHAPTER CLXII.

AN ACT

To regulate the compensation of the commissioners to alter the time of appointing the treasurer for the county of Philadelphia, and for other purposes.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the commissioners to be elected at the next general election within the city and county of Philadelphia, and each and every commissioner in like manner therein after elected, shall enter upon the duties of his office on the first day of January, ensuing such election and not before; and the commissioner at present in office and whose term of service will expire after the next ensuing general election, shall continue to do the duties of a commissioner until the first day of January aforesaid.

Time of entering on the duty of county commissioner when elected.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That each of the commissioners shall be allowed out of the county stock, the sum of four dollars and no more, for every day's attendance on the duties of his office; and it shall be the duty of the clerk to the board, to keep an accurate account of each day's attendance of the commissioners, on the business of the office, which account shall be rendered to the auditors of the said county annually, at their meeting in January, verified by the oath or affirmation of the said clerk, and in case of sickness or other necessary absence of the said clerk, the attendance of the said commissioners shall be ascertained by an account to be stated by each of them during such sickness or absence, and verified by their respective oaths or affirmations, and by them delivered to the auditors at the time aforesaid.

Pay of the commissioners. Account of their attendance to be kept and rendered on oath &c.

Provision in case of the clerks sickness or absence.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the treasurer within the county of Philadelphia, shall be appointed on the last Monday in December next and thenceforward annually, and shall give bond with sureties, in the sum of thirty thousand dollars, in the manner already provided by law, and shall receive fifteen hundred dollars per annum for his services and no more; and it shall be the duty of the said treasurer to deposit all monies received by him, in one of the chartered banks in the city of Philadelphia, and to draw no money therefrom except on the orders of the commissioners, on payment of which orders, he shall take a receipt in a book to be kept for that purpose, and he shall also keep a book in which he shall write a receipt for all monies paid to him, signing his name thereto as treasurer, which receipt shall be attested by the person paying him the money,

Treasurer of Philadelphia county, time of appointment and his security. His pay and duty.

Penalty for failure of duty.

and the same shall be and remain a voucher for the said treasurer, in the settlement of his accounts, and in case of failure, to deposit the money received by him as aforesaid, or to keep such book so to be attested, the same shall be considered a misdemeanor in office, and on proof made thereof to the commissioners, the said treasurer shall be immediately removed from office and another appointed in his stead.

Solicitor to the commissioners, authorised compensation.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said commissioners shall be, and are hereby authorised to employ a solicitor, who shall receive as a full compensation for his services, the sum of three hundred dollars per annum, to be paid him quarterly, by orders drawn by the said commissioners on the county treasurer.

Duty of commissioners to appoint a treasurer.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said commissioners or any two of them at the expiration of the time for which the present treasurer has been appointed, or other earlier termination of his office, shall appoint a respectable citizen as treasurer, who shall continue in office until the thirty-first day of December next, and who shall give bond as aforesaid, and in all other respects comply with the provisions of the acts of assembly in such case made and provided.

Restrictions as to the treasurer. Contingent expenses forbidden, except in certain cases.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no person shall hereafter be appointed treasurer of the county of Philadelphia, within three years after such person shall have been a commissioner or auditor of said county, and no contingent expenses shall be allowed to the commissioners of said county except for clerk hire, stationary and fuel.

Repeal.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the laws of this commonwealth, relating to county commissioners and county treasurers, as are by this act altered or supplied, and no more, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.