

No. 55.

AN ACT

Regulating certain election districts; to authorize the school directors of the borough of Birmingham, Allegheny county, to borrow money; to incorporate the Pennsylvania association and reading room; and relative to the claim of Frederick Kreiser, of Lebanon county.

SECTION 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* all township, general, and special elections in Ohio township, Allegheny county, shall be held at school house, number ten, in said township, until the first of January next, and after that time to be held at the town hall in said township.

Ohio township,
Allegheny co.

Hopewell town-
ship, Washing-
ton county.

SECTION 2. That the qualified electors of Hopewell township, Washington county, from and after the passage of this act, shall hold their general and township elections at the house of James Thompson, in the borough of West Middletown, in said township.

Borough of
Meadville,
Crawford co.

SECTION 3. That the citizens of the borough of Meadville, in the county of Crawford, and State of Pennsylvania, be authorized to hold two separate and distinct elections in said borough, for all purposes, in the boundaries known as the North and South wards; the election for the North ward to be held at the Prothonotary's office, in the court house, in said borough and county, and the election for the South ward to be held at the Commissioners' office, in the court house as aforesaid.

Officers of the
elections.

SECTION 4. That at the regular Spring election, in the month of March, William Davis, Jr., of the North ward, shall act as judge of said election, and William McCabe and James Steward, of the said ward, shall act as inspectors thereof; and that David McFadden, of the South ward, shall act as judge of the election in the South ward, at the said Spring election, and Samuel A. Torbett and James H. Gibson shall act as inspectors thereof: *Provided*, That the said elections shall be subject to all the regulations of the general election laws of this Commonwealth.

School directors
of the borough
of Birmingham,
Allegheny co.,
authorized to
borrow money.

SECTION 5. That the school directors of the borough of Birmingham, in the county of Allegheny, be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding eight thousand dollars, for the payment of the debts of said school district, and it shall and may be lawful for the board of directors of said school district to secure the money so borrowed by bond of said directors and mortgage upon the real estate of said school district, or otherwise, as the said directors may deem proper.

Kingsessing
township Phila-
delphia county.

SECTION 6. That on the third Friday of March next, and annually thereafter, the qualified voters of the township of Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia, shall vote for, on one ticket, all township officers to be elected, marked on the outside township officers.

Corporators.

SECTION 7. That John Maitland, Edwin T. Chase, John Hill Martin, George Kern, Charles E. Robb, and their associates, be, and they are hereby created a body corporate and politic, with the name, style, and title of the Pennsylvania association and reading room, with

Style.

authority to elect officers, to establish by-laws for their government, ^{Powers.} and to hold real estate, the yearly value of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall ^{Proviso.} be so construed as to authorize said Pennsylvania association and reading room to do any other act or acts in their corporate capacity than are herein expressed.

SECTION 8. That John Harper, Jacob Weidle, and Joseph Reinhard, are hereby appointed, having first been duly sworn or affirmed to discharge the duties of this appointment with fidelity, to investigate the losses sustained by Frederick Kreiser, in and about the construction of the county bridge across the Swatara creek, at Mount Union, in Lebanon county, and report to the county commissioners of Lebanon county what amount they believe to be due, in equity and justice, to the said Frederick Kreiser, by reason of his losses and services in and about the construction of the bridge aforesaid; and on the said report being approved by the commissioners aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the commissioners aforesaid to draw their warrant on the county treasurer of said county, in favor of said Frederick Kreiser, for the amount thereof.

John Harper,
Jacob Weidle,
Joseph Reinhard, appointed to investigate losses sustained by Frederick Kreiser by the erection of a certain bridge.

JOHN S. RHEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN H. WALKER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventeenth day of February, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 56.

A N A C T

Authorizing the establishment of a public park and parade ground in the city of Reading.

WHEREAS, When the town of Reading was originally laid out by the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, a certain lot of ground, now known as "the commons," situate at the foot of Penn's mount, in the said town, was reserved by the said proprietaries, as a free and public commons for the dwellers in said town, and was so known and used, from the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, notwithstanding which, the heirs of the said proprietaries, after the close of the revolutionary war, claimed the same as their private property, there being no legal evidence on record of said grant having been made by Thomas and Richard Penn:

Preamble.

And whereas, In view of the circumstances aforesaid, on the nineteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred, Peter Feather, Jr., Jacob Roads, and Jacob Epler, then commissioners of Berks county, purchased from John Penn and Richard Penn, late pro-