

No. 92.

AN ACT

Authorizing a State association of township commissioners, and providing for the payment of the expenses thereof by the respective counties.

State association
of township com-
missioners.

Annual meetings.

Delegates.

Expenses of dele-
gates.

Expenses of
annual meeting.

Statement of
treasurer.

Payment by
county treasurer.

Repeal.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the formation of a State association of township commissioners is hereby authorized. The association shall hold annual meetings at such time and place within the Commonwealth as it may designate, for the purpose of discussing various questions and subjects pertaining to the duties of township commissioners, and for the purpose of devising uniform, economical, and efficient methods of administering the affairs of townships of the first class.

Section 2. Each county association of township commissioners shall send one township commissioner for each first class township within said county as a delegate to each annual meeting of said State association, who shall be selected by the commissioners of the township of which he is a commissioner.

Section 3. The expenses of the delegates attending the annual meeting shall not exceed four dollars per day for each delegate, for not more than three days, together with the actual mileage at the prevailing rate of railroad fare, and shall be paid by the respective county associations.

Section 4. The expenses of the annual meeting, including expenses of committees, printing, and stenographers, shall be paid pro rata by the respective county associations, and shall not exceed ten dollars for each county association.

Section 5. Within thirty days after each annual meeting of the State association the treasurer of the respective county association shall file with the county treasurer an itemized statement, under oath, setting forth where and when the annual meeting of the State association was held, the number of delegates from the respective association in attendance, and the expenditures due from the county association for such annual meeting.

Section 6. The county treasurer shall pay to the treasurer of the respective county association, out of the county funds, the amount expended by the county association under the provisions of this act.

Section 7. The act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred ninety-seven), entitled "An act authorizing a State association of township super-

visors and township commissioners, and providing for the payment of the expenses thereof by the respective counties," is hereby repealed in so far as it relates to township commissioners.

All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are repealed.

APPROVED—The 4th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 93.

AN ACT

Relating to Adoption.

PETITIONS IN ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be lawful for any adult citizen of this Commonwealth residing therein, desirous of adopting any person, either a minor or an adult, as his or her heir or as one of his or her heirs, to present his or her petition to the Orphans' Court or to a law judge thereof of the county where he or she may be resident, declaring such desire and that he or she will perform all the duties of a parent to such person. Such petition shall also set forth the name, age, date, and place of birth of the person proposed to be adopted; the name, residence, and marital status of the adopting parent or parents; the name and place of residence of each of the natural parents or of the surviving parent or of any other person whose consent to the proposed adoption is necessary as hereinafter provided; and shall embody or have attached thereto the consents in writing of the person or persons whose consent to the proposed adoption is necessary as hereinafter provided.

Adoption.

Contents of petition.

Section 2. Consents Necessary to Adoption. Consent to the adoption is necessary, as follows:

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(a) Of the person proposed to be adopted if over twelve years of age, and of said person's husband or wife if any;

(b) Of the adopting parent's husband or wife unless they jointly adopt such person;

(c) Of the parents or surviving parent of the person proposed to be adopted, except that in the case of an illegitimate child the consent of the mother only is necessary unless the father has acknowledged such child; but the consent of a parent who has been adjudged a lunatic or habitual drunkard or who has abandoned the child is unnecessary, provided such