

Disposition of
proceeds.

ty, city, borough, or township thereof, or any State institution or any educational or charitable institution receiving aid from the Commonwealth. In the case of State institutions or hospitals the proceeds of any sales of products under the provisions of this act may with the approval of the Department of Welfare be expended by such board of trustees for the payment of salaries, wages, or other compensation of employes, the purchase of supplies or equipment, or any other expenses of any kind or description necessary for the proper conduct of the work of such board of trustees: Provided, however, That such board of trustees shall keep an accurate record of the dates, quantities, and prices of all sales, and of the dates and purposes of all expenditures made hereunder, which record shall at all times be subject to examination and audit by the Auditor General of this Commonwealth.

Proviso.

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 172.

AN ACT

To amend chapter three of the act, approved the fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and forty), entitled "An act concerning townships; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating thereto," by providing for the creation of townships of the first class in certain cases.

Townships.

Chapter 3, of act
of July 14, 1917
(P. L. 840),
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That chapter three of the act, approved the fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and forty), entitled "An act concerning townships; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating thereto," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following article and section:

**ARTICLE I (a) ERECTION OF TOWNSHIPS OF
THE FIRST CLASS**

Petition.

Section 29. Whenever the owners of twenty-five per centum of the assessed valuation of the real estate of any part of a township of the second class exceeding one hundred acres, which is segregated from and does not adjoin the balance of said township, shall present their petition to the court of quarter sessions, averring that the population of such part of a township is at least three hundred to the square mile, and praying that said part of a township of the second class be erected a new township of

Security for costs
and expenses.

the first class, and shall give such security as the court may prescribe for the payment of all costs and expenses which may be incurred in any procedure had upon said petition, the court shall appoint a commissioner to make an enrollment of the inhabitants of said part of a township and to inquire into the propriety of granting the prayer of the petition.

Commissioner to be appointed.

Section 29. (a) The said commissioner shall make a plot or draft of the township of the first class proposed to be erected, and an enrollment of the inhabitants thereof, and shall make report thereof to the court at the next ensuing term together with his recommendations. Upon the filing of the report notice of the same shall be advertised in a newspaper published in the county once a week for three weeks, during which time exceptions thereto may be filed. If exceptions are filed to the report within said time the court upon consideration thereof shall confirm the report or modify the said finding, whereupon, or in the event that no exceptions are filed, if it appears to the court that said part of a township of the second class has a population of at least three hundred to the square mile, the court shall enter a decree erecting the same as a new township of the first class by such name as the court shall think proper. The clerk of the court shall certify to the county commissioners the erection of said township and its name and population as shown by said proceedings. The costs and expenses of the proceedings, including a reasonable fee for the commissioner, shall be paid by the petitioners or by the township or partly by each, as the court shall direct.

Report of commissioner.

Notice.

Exceptions.

Decree.

To be certified to county commissioners.

Expense of proceedings.

Section 29. (b) When any township of the first class is erected under the provision of this article the court of quarter sessions may authorize the citizens of the new township to hold an election for all township officers upon such notice and for such terms not inconsistent with this act, as the court may direct.

Election of officers.

Section 29. (c) Whenever a new township of the first class is erected from a part of an existing township of the second class the court of common pleas of the county sitting in equity may, upon the application of the proper authorities of such township or townships by a suit or suits in equity, adjust all matters of indebtedness and property rights between the said old township and the said new township.

Suits in equity to adjust matters of indebtedness and property rights.

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