

No. 213.

AN ACT

Authorizing county commissioners in cases of emergency to construct or reconstruct county bridges upon the approval of the court of quarter sessions.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That when a county bridge wholly within any county or on the boundary line between any two counties has been or shall hereafter be destroyed or partially destroyed, or rendered impassable, or becomes insufficient or inadequate to accommodate public travel, or in any other case of emergency it becomes necessary to construct or reconstruct any such bridge without the delay occasioned by the report of a grand jury or grand juries, the county commissioners of any such county or of any two counties in case of a joint county bridge may upon the approval of the court or courts of quarter sessions of such county or counties erect and construct a new bridge or reconstruct any partially destroyed, insufficient, or inadequate bridge to take the place of such wholly or partially destroyed, or insufficient or inadequate bridge.

County bridges.

County commissioners empowered to construct in emergency.

APPROVED—The 29th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 214.

AN ACT

To amend the first paragraph of the seventh section, and the nineteenth section of an act, entitled "An act regulating certain political parties; providing for the regulating and nomination of candidates of such political parties for certain public offices, the election of delegates and alternate delegates to National party conventions, and of certain party officers, including State committeemen; a method whereby electors of such political parties may express their choice of candidates for the office of President of the United States; and the payment by the several counties, and their reimbursement by the State, of the expenses of the same; authorizing the State committee of a political party to make, and to alter, amend, and revoke, rules; and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and for the punishment of certain offenses provided for herein; and repealing inconsistent legislation." approved the twelfth day of July, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and nineteen), as amended, so far as to change the time for filing petitions of nomination and for withdrawal of candidates.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section seven of the act, entitled "An act regulating certain polit-

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Section 7 of act of July 12, 1913 (P. L. 719), as amended by act of July 9, 1919 (P. L. 839), further amended.

ical parties; providing for and regulating the nomination of candidates of such political parties for certain public offices, the election of delegates and alternate delegates to National party conventions, and of certain party officers, including State committeemen; a method whereby electors of such political parties may express their choice of candidates for the office of President of the United States; and the payment by the several counties, and their reimbursement by the State, of the expenses of the same; authorizing the State committee of a political party to make, and to alter, amend, and revoke, rules; and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and for the punishment of certain offenses provided for herein; and repealing inconsistent legislation," approved the twelfth day of July, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and nineteen), as amended by an act, approved the ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and thirty-nine), entitled "An act to amend sections seven, ten, thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen of an act, entitled 'An act regulating certain political parties; providing for and regulating the nomination of candidates of such political parties for certain public offices, the election of delegates and alternate delegates to National party conventions, and of certain party officers, including State committeemen; a method whereby electors of such political parties may express their choice of candidates for the office of President of the United States; and the payment by the several counties, and their reimbursement by the State, of the expenses of the same; authorizing the State committee of a political party to make, and to alter, amend, and revoke rules; and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and for the punishment of certain offenses provided for herein; and repealing inconsistent legislation,' approved the twelfth day of July, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and nineteen), as amended, so as to provide fully how many official and specimen ballots shall be provided for each party at the primaries and to whom the same shall be delivered, what other election materials shall be furnished, and what printed instructions shall be given voters and election officers, how the official ballots shall be given to qualified electors, how party membership shall be evidenced, and how and when it may be challenged, how the vote shall be counted, recorded, and returned by the election officers, what shall be done with the ballots voted, their stubs, and the unused, spoiled, and void ballots, tally papers, oaths of elec-

tion officers, affidavits of voters, et cetera, lists of voters of each party, triplicate and other return sheets, and who shall have the custody of same; to require the return and public inspection of all the spoiled and unused ballots from each election district before the computation of any returns therefrom; to prescribe the method of computing and canvassing such returns publicly; to provide who shall constitute the return board for any county wherein one or more of the commissioners are candidates at any primary; to regulate the manner of correcting apparent errors in certain returns, and the opening of ballot-boxes, and the recounting of votes, when any county commissioner, prothonotary, or judge of the court of common pleas deems it necessary in order to obtain a correct count or upon the petition of three electors averring fraud or error; to assure the right of any authorized representative of any party or candidate to hear, record, and check up the returns as read, as well as to inspect the same and any other public documents relating to any primary election; to allow any person aggrieved by any decision of the county commissioners or prothonotary to appeal therefrom to the court of common pleas of the proper county; to make certain violations of said act, as amended hereby, misdemeanors; and to provide penalties for the punishment of such offenses; to provide that nomination petitions of candidates for any municipal office to be filled by a vote of the electors of a senatorial district shall be signed by at least two hundred qualified electors of such district; and to repeal inconsistent legislation," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 7. The nomination petitions in the case of candidates for the office of President of the United States, Senator of the United States, Member of the House of Representatives of the United States, for all State offices, for the office of delegate or alternate delegate to a National party convention, and for the office of member of the State or National committee, shall be filed, at least [forty] *fifty* days prior to the primary, with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Nomination petitions in all other cases shall be filed, at least four weeks prior to the primary, with the county commissioners of the respective counties.

Section 2. That section nineteen of the act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 19. Any of the candidates for nomination, including candidates for President of the United States, to be voted for at a primary under this act, may, at any time before four o'clock of the [Friday] *seventh day* next succeeding the last day fixed for filing nomination petitions, withdraw his name as a candidate, by a request in writing, signed by him and

Time and place of filing nomination petitions.

Section 19 amended.

Time and manner of withdrawal.

acknowledged before a notary public or justice of the peace and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, if such candidate filed his nomination petition with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and in all other cases with the county commissioners.

List of withdrawals to be certified.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth, upon the filing of requests for withdrawal in the manner herein provided, shall forthwith certify to the county commissioners of the proper county a correct list of candidates filing such requests.

APPROVED—The 29th day of April, A. D. 1925

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 215.

AN ACT

To repeal section eleven of an act, approved the eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred seventy), entitled "An act creating a Division of Township Highways in the State Highway Department; conferring powers, and imposing duties upon officers of the State Highway Department; requiring certain duties of clerks of the courts of quarter sessions; and providing penalties."

State Highway Department.

Division of Township Highways.

Section 11 of act of July 8, 1919 (P. L. 770), repealed.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section eleven of an act, approved the eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred seventy), entitled "An act creating a Division of Township Highways in the State Highway Department; conferring powers, and imposing duties upon officers of the State Highway Department; requiring certain duties of clerks of the courts of quarter sessions; and providing penalties," be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 29th day of April, A. D. 1925.

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