

*all the State senatorial districts of such cities by the number twenty-two. One councilman shall be elected for each such ratio, and an additional councilman shall be elected for any fractional portion of such ratio in excess of fifty per cent thereof. Every State senatorial district in such cities shall be entitled to elect as many city councilmen as it has councilmanic ratios of population as aforesaid, and an additional councilman for any fractional portion of such ratio in excess of fifty per cent thereof. The number of councilmen to be elected for each such district shall be determined and announced by the county commissioners on August first of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and of every fourth year thereafter, on the basis of population as aforesaid. Councilmen shall be nominated and elected according to law, and those receiving the highest votes shall be declared elected to the number to which each such district is entitled. Councilmen shall serve for the period of four years from the first Monday in January following their election. If any vacancy shall happen in the office of councilman, the vacancy may be filled at the next general, municipal, or special election, occurring not less than thirty days thereafter, but the councilman thus elected shall serve only for the unexpired term. The provisions of this act shall not affect present members of council in such cities; they shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms.*

Fractional ratio.

Time of determining and announcing number to be elected.

Terms.

Vacancy.

Not to affect present members.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 227

AN ACT

Authorizing and empowering cities of the third class to recognize the moral obligation of the city to pay just claims against the city, although under existing laws no legal recovery could be had against the city.

Cities of third class.

Moral obligation to pay claims may be recognized.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any city of the third class shall have heretofore actually received and used any material or supplies furnished to the city, without previous authority of law authorizing its purchase or without public letting of contracts, the said city is authorized and empowered to recognize its moral obligation to pay for the same, the fair market value thereof, by ordinance duly passed by the affirmative vote of not less than four members of council, and that, thereupon, the proper officers of the city shall draw the warrant or pass the voucher for the same in such amount as by the said ordinance may be determined.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith to be and the same are hereby repealed. Repeal.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 228

AN ACT

Making the power of taxation of cities of this Commonwealth security for the taking, injury, or destruction of private property for public use, without the entry of a bond.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in all cases where cities of this Commonwealth are or shall be required to give or tender security for the taking, injury, or destruction of private property for public use, the funds raised, or proper and lawful to be raised, by the power of taxation in and by said cities shall be pledged and are hereby made security to the owner or owners of private property so taken, injured, or destroyed, for all damages which they may sustain on account of the taking, injury, or destruction of their property for public use by said cities; and such cities shall not be required to give or tender any further security or to give or tender any bond or bonds whatever: Provided, however, That if and when, by appropriate petition, it shall appear to the proper court that the power of taxation of any city is not sufficient security in a particular proceeding, said court may require said city to give or tender bond therein with surety.

Cities.

Taxes to be security for taking of private property.

Bonds not required.

Proviso.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith, or supplied hereby, be and the same are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

Repeal.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 229

AN ACT

Authorizing counties of the fourth class to arrange for and pay the premiums on the bonds required of delinquent tax collectors.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That each county of the fourth class may, at the cost of the county, arrange for and pay the premiums on the bonds of delinquent tax collectors who are required to give a bond for the faithful performance of their duties.

Counties of fourth class.

Premiums on bonds of delinquent tax collectors.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

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