

of importance in obtaining complete registration of births, deaths, marriages, and diseases throughout the State, as provided in section ten of an act, entitled 'An act creating the Department of Health and defining its powers and duties,' approved the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and five, and providing penalties for violations of this act," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 21. That the State Registrar shall, upon request, furnish any applicant a certified copy of the record of any birth, death, or marriage registered under provisions of this act, for the making and certification of which he shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents to be paid by the applicant; and any such copy of the record of a birth, or death, or marriage, when properly certified by the State Registrar to be a true copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and places of the facts therein stated: *Provided, That certified copies of the record of any birth, death, or marriage shall be furnished to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, marines, war nurses, and their dependents, without the payment of any fee.* For any such search of the files and records, when no certified copy is made, the State Registrar shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents for each hour or fractional hour of time of search to be paid by the applicant. And the State Registrar shall keep a true and correct account of all fees by him received under these provisions and turn the same over to the State Treasurer.

Certified copy of record.

Fee.

Evidence.

Proviso.

Charges for search.

Account of fees received.

APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 325

AN ACT

To amend section three hundred and twelve 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 laws relating thereto," by providing that the minute book and other records and documents of townships of the second class shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section three hundred and twelve 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 laws relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 312. The books of the secretary shall be open to inspection of any person who may have oc-

Townships of second class.

Section 312 of act of July 14, 1917 (P. L. 840), amended.

Books to be open to inspection.

casation to search therein. *The minute book and other records and documents of every township of the second class shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer thereof, his, her or its agent, upon request therefor.*

APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 326

AN ACT

To amend section five, and section twenty-two as amended, of an act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred sixty-nine), entitled "An act providing for the organization, government, discipline, maintenance, and regulation of the armed land forces of this Commonwealth."

National Guard.

Section 5 of act
of May 17, 1921
(P. L. 869),
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section five of an act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred sixty-nine), entitled "An act providing for the organization, government, discipline, maintenance, and regulation of the armed land forces of this Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Powers of the Governor

Section 5. The Governor of this Commonwealth as Commander-in-Chief shall have the power, and is hereby authorized and directed, to alter, increase, divide, annex, consolidate, disband, organize, or reorganize any organization, department, corps, or staff, so as to conform, as far as practicable, to any organization, system, drill, instruction, corps or staff, uniform or equipment, or period of enlistment, now or hereafter prescribed by the laws of the United States and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder for the organization and regulation of the National Guard. For that purpose, the number of officers, noncommissioned officers, and enlisted men of any grade, in any organization, department, corps, or staff, may be increased or diminished, and the grade of such officers, noncommissioned officers, and enlisted men may be altered, to the extent necessary to secure, as far as practicable, such uniformity. Officers rendered surplus by either the disbandment, consolidation, or reorganization of their respective organizations, shall be placed in the National Guard Reserve, or such officers may be held as supernumerary officers during the unexpired portion of their respective commissions, at the sole discretion of the Governor as Commander-in-Chief; and the period of time for which such officers are held as supernumerary may be included in computing the necessary length of service to entitle a