

not exceeding four thousand dollars; a compiler and bill reading clerk, learned in the law, at an annual salary [of three thousand] not exceeding thirty-six hundred dollars; a search clerk, learned in the law, at an annual salary [of] not exceeding three thousand dollars; a messenger and file clerk, at an annual salary [of] not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars; a chief clerk, who shall be a stenographer, at an annual salary [of fifteen hundred] not exceeding two thousand dollars; a skilled reference librarian at an annual salary [of eighteen] not exceeding twenty-four hundred dollars; and three stenographers at an annual salary [of thirteen hundred and twenty] not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars each. The salaries of the employes shall be fixed, within the maximum limits above provided, by the director of the bureau, from time to time, taking into consideration the years of service of employes in the work of the bureau. The director may, for a period commencing one month prior to and ending one month after each session of the General Assembly, appoint one bill book clerk at a salary of one hundred and seventy-five dollars per month, and an assistant bill book clerk at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per month, and such stenographers as may be necessary at a salary of one hundred dollars per month each.

Messenger.

Librarian.

Stenographers.

Director to fix salaries.

Bill book clerk.

Stenographers.

APPROVED—The 10th day of May, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 444

AN ACT

To amend sections one and two of an act, approved the second day of April, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, thirty-one), entitled "An act providing for the appointment by the district attorney, in counties having a population of over one million and less than one million five hundred thousand inhabitants, of a chief county detective, an assistant chief county detective, and special county detectives; defining their duties; defining their authority; fixing their salaries, and authorizing the payment of the same, together with the necessary traveling expenses, by the county," increasing the number and compensation of the county detectives in second class counties.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of an act, approved the second day of April, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, thirty-one), entitled "An act providing for the appointment by the district attorney, in counties having a population of over one million and less than one million five hundred thousand inhabitants, of a chief county detective, an assistant chief county detective, and special county detectives; defining their duties; defining their authority; fixing their salaries, and authorizing the payment of the same, together with the necessary traveling expenses by the county," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Counties of the second class.

Section 1 of act of April 2, 1919 (P. L. 31), amended.

District attorney
may appoint
county detectives.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in each and every county of [this Commonwealth having a population of over one million and less than one million five hundred thousand inhabitants] *the second class* the district attorney may appoint a chief county detective, an assistant chief county detective, and special county detectives not exceeding [twenty-four] *thirty* in number, whose duties it shall be [to serve subpoenas in cases in which the Commonwealth is a party in a court of record;] to investigate and make report to the district attorney as to the conduct in office of [justices of the peace] *magistrates*, constables, deputy constables, and other officers connected with the administration of criminal justice; to make such investigation and endeavor to obtain such evidence as may be required by the district attorney in any criminal case; and perform such other duties as the district attorney may direct. Said detectives shall be general police officers, and shall have all powers now conferred on constables by existing laws of this Commonwealth so far as they relate to crimes or criminal procedure.

Number.

Duties.

Powers.

Section 2 amended.

Section 2. That section two of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Removal.

Section 2. Said chief county detective, assistant chief county detective, and special county [detective] *detectives* shall, at all times, be subject to the orders of the district attorney, who may remove them, or any of them, at his pleasure, filling vacancies so created as may be deemed necessary. Said chief county detective, assistant chief county detective, and special county detectives shall not be entitled to receive any fees whatsoever. [but] The chief county detective shall receive a salary of [four] *five* thousand [(\$4,000)] *(\$5,000)* dollars per annum, the assistant chief county detective shall receive a salary of [three] *four* thousand [(\$3,000)] *(\$4,000)* dollars per annum, and the *thirty* special county detectives shall receive a salary of [one hundred and seventy-five (\$175)] *two thousand six hundred (\$2,600)* dollars per [month] *annum* each, together with all necessary traveling expenses; which said salary and expenses, having been verified by affidavit of the chief county detective, assistant chief county detective, or special county detective, incurring the same, and approved by the district attorney, shall be paid out of the treasury of the county on a certificate issued by the district attorney, directed to the controller of the county, who shall order warrants for said amounts according to law.

Compensation.

Traveling expenses.

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JOHN S. FISHER

No. 445

AN ACT

Regulating indictments and trials in the courts of oyer and terminer and quarter sessions of the peace.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any indictment, other than an indictment for murder, shall be found in any court of oyer and terminer, or quarter sessions of the peace, of the county where the offense was committed, for any crime not triable under existing law in the court where found, the court may nevertheless proceed with the trial of the accused in the court in which such indictment was found, unless the court shall, upon motion of the accused, certify the indictment to the proper court for trial. No motion made after verdict, or writ of error or appeal, based on a failure to indict or try a defendant or defendants in the proper court, as provided by existing law, shall be granted or sustained, unless it be affirmatively shown that the accused was in fact prejudiced in his defense upon the merits and a failure of justice has resulted.

Criminal procedure.

Indictments and trials in oyer and terminer and quarter sessions.

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JOHN S. FISHER

No. 446

AN ACT

Regulating the sale in bulk of fifty-one per centum or more of the stock of goods, wares or merchandise of any kind, fixtures, machinery, equipment or real estate, by every corporation, joint-stock association, limited partnership or company; providing certain requirements therefor and imposing certain duties upon the seller and buyer; and fixing penalties.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That every corporation, joint-stock association, limited partnership or company, now or hereafter incorporated or organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, or under the laws of the United States or any other state, and engaged in business in this Commonwealth, which shall sell in bulk fifty-one per centum or more of any stock of goods, wares or merchandise of any kind, fixtures, machinery, equipment, buildings or real estate, shall give the Auditor General ten days' notice of the sale, prior to the completion of the transfer of such property. It shall also be the duty of every corporation, joint-stock association, limited partnership or company to file all State tax reports with the Auditor General to the date of such proposed transfer of property, and pay all taxes due the Commonwealth to said date. The seller shall present to the purchaser of such property a certificate from the Auditor General showing that all State tax reports have been filed and all State taxes paid to the date of the proposed transfer. The failure of the purchaser to require this certificate shall render such purchaser liable

Sales of property in bulk by corporations, joint-stock companies and limited partnerships.

Notice to Auditor General.

Reports to be filed and tax paid.

Certificate to be presented to purchaser.