

No. 479

AN ACT

Prohibiting cities, boroughs, towns, and townships to increase or diminish the salary, compensation or emoluments of elected officers after their election.

Cities, boroughs,
towns and
townships.

Salaries of elected
officers.

Repeal.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That no city, borough, town or township shall hereafter increase or diminish the salary, compensation or emoluments of any elected officer after his election.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 480

AN ACT

Concerning damages recoverable in actions for death by unlawful violence or negligence.

Practice.

Damages in actions
for death by violence
or negligence.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any person or persons, who are authorized by law so to do, shall bring an action to recover damages for a death caused by unlawful violence or negligence of the defendant, the plaintiff may recover, in addition to the damages now recoverable in such actions, the expenses incurred for medical and surgical care and for nursing of the deceased, and such other expenses caused by the injury which resulted in death as could have been recovered in an action begun by the injured person in his lifetime; and plaintiff may also recover the reasonable funeral expenses of the deceased, if plaintiff has paid or incurred such expenses.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 481

AN ACT

To fix the salaries of the deputy register, clerks, and employes in the office of the register of wills of counties of the first class.

Counties of first
class.

Salaries of employes
in office of register
of wills.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the salaries or compensation of the deputy register, clerks, and employes in the office of the register of wills of any county of the first class shall be as follows: Deputy register, at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum; one chief clerk, three thousand dollars; one cashier and bookkeeper, three

thousand dollars; one assistant chief clerk, twenty-five hundred dollars; chief compare clerk, twenty-two hundred dollars; five transcribing clerks, two thousand dollars each; one chief account clerk, twenty-two hundred dollars; five account clerks, two thousand dollars each; five recording clerks, two thousand dollars each; three inventory clerks, two thousand dollars each; five index clerks, two thousand dollars each; three compare clerks, two thousand dollars each; five miscellaneous clerks, two thousand dollars each; one stenographer, two thousand dollars; one search clerk, two thousand dollars; two custodians of records, two thousand dollars each; two messengers, and custodians, fifteen hundred dollars each; two janitors, one thousand dollars each, per annum. Such salaries and compensation shall be paid semimonthly by the treasurer of the county according to existing laws.

This act shall become effective on its passage and approval by the Governor. Effective date.

Section 2. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. Repeal.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1927.

While on its face this bill purports to authorize a substantial increase in the number and compensation of the employes of the register of wills office, the fact is that it authorizes but a very slight increase. Since the passage of the act of Assembly which now authorizes the employment and compensation of assistants to the register of wills, the council of the city of Philadelphia has, by ordinance, added to the list of employes authorized by act of Assembly, has fixed the compensation of such added employes, and has authorized the payment of bonuses to employes whose salaries are fixed by statute. In effect, therefore, the present bill in large part merely legalizes what is now being done. To the extent to which the bill does provide for an increase in the number and compensation of his employes, the register of wills has agreed not to take advantage of the authority thus conferred until January first of next year. This will prevent any interference with this year's budget arrangements of the city of Philadelphia.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 482

AN ACT

To repeal an act, approved the fourteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six), entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled 'An act creating and defining the duties and powers of a recorder for cities whose population does not exceed thirty thousand, and is not less than eight thousand five hundred, which accept the provisions of this act,' approved the twenty-fourth day of March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and the supplement thereto, amending said act, approved May first, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, amending the same."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That an act, approved the fourteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six), entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled 'An act creating and defining the duties and powers of a recorder for cities whose population does not exceed thirty thousand and is not less than eight

Cities not exceeding 30,000 and not less than 8,500.

Duties of recorder.

Act of February 14 1881 (P. L. 6) repealed.