

Municipal liens.

Validation.

Not to apply
where judgment
has been entered.Nor as against
property in hands
of bona fide pur-
chaser.

necessary under existing laws and ordinance to give jurisdiction to such council, or because of noncompliance with existing law as to publication of copies of ordinance, posting of hand-bills, advertising before the purchase of material and supplies, or letting of contracts, or because the ordinance itself or the official record book containing the same has been lost, mislaid, or destroyed, or has not been transcribed in the official record book, or for any other reason, the ordinance or proceedings authorizing and directing the improvement and making the assessment therefor, or the proceeding in the filing of any municipal claim or lien therefor, are defective or invalid, and the cost of such improvement, or a portion thereof, cannot be legally assessed upon the property abutting upon the street, or part thereof, improved; now, by this act, such ordinance and proceedings, authorizing the improvements and making the assessment therefor, the said improvements, and any municipal claim or lien filed therefor, are hereby validated and made binding for the amount justly and equitably due and payable on account of such improvement.

This act shall not apply to any proceeding, suit or lien, wherein a final order or judgment of any court of record has already been made or entered; or validate any lien against any property which has been conveyed to a bona fide purchaser thereof, subsequent to the expiration of the period prescribed by law for the filing of such liens, and prior to the time of the filing thereof, or give the lien thus filed priority over any bona fide lien or liens filed, entered, or recorded, or which shall have otherwise attached, subsequently to the time prescribed by law for the filing of such municipal lien, and prior to the time of the filing thereof.

APPROVED—The 30th day of March, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 59

AN ACT

To amend clause five of section four hundred and twenty-one of an act, approved the fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred forty), entitled "An act concerning townships; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating thereto," as amended; regulating second class township appropriations for the purchase and maintenance of fire apparatus, and for fire houses.

Townships of the
second class.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That clause five of section four hundred and twenty-one of an act, ap-

proved the fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred forty), entitled "An act concerning townships; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating thereto," which was amended by an act, approved the twentieth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred fifty-nine), entitled "An act to amend section four hundred and twenty-one of the act, approved the fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred forty), entitled 'An act concerning townships; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating thereto,'" is hereby further amended to read as follows:

V. A tax, *not exceeding two mills and not exceeding the amounts hereinafter limited*, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining fire apparatus and to provide, *with the assent of the electors of the township as hereinafter provided*, a suitable place for the housing of the same, *and to make appropriations to fire companies for the purchase and maintenance of fire apparatus*; [but no appropriation to any one or more fire companies from such taxes shall, for the first appropriation, exceed five thousand dollars for the purchase of equipment, nor shall any appropriation in any year for the purpose of maintenance of any one or more fire companies exceed one thousand dollars;] *but the total expenditure for the purchase of fire apparatus by the township, together with the amount of appropriation to one or more fire companies, from such taxes, shall not, for the first fiscal year, exceed in all the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars; nor shall any new fire apparatus be thereafter purchased by the township, or by any fire company from appropriations made by the township, without the consent of the electors as hereinafter provided; nor shall the total expenditure by the township, in any fiscal year, for the purpose of maintenance and operation, together with the appropriations to any one or more fire companies, exceed two thousand five hundred dollars.*

Whenever the assent of the electors is required as hereinbefore provided, the same shall be expressed at an election to be held at the place, time, and under the same regulations, as provided by law for the holding of municipal elections. At such election, the election officers shall receive ballots from the electors, which shall be prepared in the manner prescribed by the general election law. In receiving and counting and in making return of the votes cast, the election officers shall be governed by the laws regu-

Clause 5, section 421 of act of July 14, 1917 (P. L. 840), as amended by act of May 20, 1921 (P. L. 959), further amended.

Tax for purchase and maintenance of fire apparatus.

Limit of expenditure and appropriation for fire companies.

Assent of electors.

Conduct of election.

lating municipal elections, and the returns shall be computed by the court as now provided by law for municipal elections.

APPROVED—The 30th day of March, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 60

AN ACT

To repeal an act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred seventy-eight), entitled "An act providing for the printing of copies of the general laws."

Printing of
general laws.

Act of June 28,
1879 (P. L.
178), repealed.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That an act, approved the twenty-eight day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and seventy-eight), entitled "An act providing for the printing of copies of the general laws," is hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 30th day of March, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 61

AN ACT

Empowering counties of the second class to acquire, by condemnation, or by purchase, lease, gift, devise, or otherwise, private property for the purpose of establishing, making, enlarging, extending, operating, and maintaining, public parks; authorizing county commissioners to govern, manage, operate, lay out, improve, and maintain, the same, and to make rules and regulations for the government of said parks; providing punishments, penalties, and liabilities, for the violation of said rules and regulations; authorizing the issue of bonds and the levy of taxes for such purposes; and repealing an act, entitled "An act authorizing counties having a population of not less than eight hundred thousand, and not more than one million four hundred thousand, to purchase land, when adjacent or contiguous to county roads, for park purposes or for public comfort stations; providing for the improvement and maintenance thereof; authorizing the adoption of rules relating to the management and control of such property; providing penalties for the breach thereof; and limiting the amount to be expended for the purposes aforesaid," approved the twentieth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred thirteen, and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

Counties of the
second class.

Power to take
private property
for public parks.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be lawful for, and the right and power are hereby conferred upon, the counties of the second class of this Commonwealth, to enter upon, take, use, and appropriate, by the right of eminent domain, and to acquire by purchase, lease, gift, devise, or otherwise, private property, for the purpose of establishing, mak-