

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall and may be lawful for any corporation incorporated under the laws of this State, or of any other State of the United States, to take, have and hold real estate heretofore given or devised, or hereafter given or devised, to such corporation to be used for any religious or charitable purposes: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be taken to relieve such real estate from being taxed in like manner with other real estate within this Commonwealth. [And provided further, That all real estate held under the provisions of this act, shall be sold by such corporations within five years from the time the right of possession shall accrue to such corporation.]

Real estate for religious or charitable purposes.

Taxation.

APPROVED—The 30th day of March, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 11

AN ACT

To amend section one of an act, approved the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred sixty-seven), entitled "An act authorizing the council of cities of the second class to fix the salary of the heads of departments of said cities, and providing the maximum thereof," by increasing the maximum thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred sixty-seven), entitled "An act authorizing the council of cities of the second class to fix the salary of the heads of departments of said cities, and providing the maximum thereof," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Cities of the second class.

Section 1, act of May 28, 1913, (P. L. 367), amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the salaries of the director or head of each department of cities of the second class of this Commonwealth shall be fixed by the council of said cities, in a sum not to exceed [eight] *twelve* thousand [(\$8,000)] (*\$12,000*) dollars per annum.

Council to fix salaries.

Maximum.

APPROVED—The 1st day of April, A. D. 1931.

I approve this Bill because it is consistent with the home rule principle in which I thoroughly believe. My approval of it does not indicate any conviction that the salaries of Pittsburgh's Department Heads should be increased.

This Bill does not increase salaries. It merely allows to the City Council of Pittsburgh a greater latitude in determining what the salaries of Heads of Departments shall be within the limit of \$12,000.00 per annum.

If in 1913, when the Act now in force was approved, \$8,000.00 per annum was a proper maximum salary it is ob-

vious that the change in economic conditions clearly warrants a higher maximum at the present time.

The Philadelphia City Charter Act permits the City Council to fix the salary of all city officers, including Department Heads, at any maximum it chooses without limitation. The present Bill is restricted to Department Heads and imposes a definite limit. So far as it goes, it puts the matter of fixing salaries in the hands of the City Council, where it properly belongs.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 12

AN ACT

To amend section six of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-two), entitled "An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a home for disabled and indigent soldiers and sailors of Pennsylvania," as amended, by regulating the admission of persons to said home.

Soldiers' and
sailors' home.

Section 6,
act of June 3,
1885, (P. L. 62),
as amended by
act of April 3,
1929, (P. L. 123),
further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section six of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-two), entitled "An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a home for disabled and indigent soldiers and sailors of Pennsylvania," which was last amended by the act, approved the third day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred twenty-three), entitled "An act to amend section six of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-two), entitled 'An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a home for disabled and indigent soldiers and sailors of Pennsylvania,' as amended," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Qualifications for
admission.

Section 6. That the soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the United States coast guard, who shall be entitled to admission in this home, shall be those honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, marines, and coast guardsmen, who served in the armed forces of the United States, whether in the Regular Army, National Army, organized militia, organized reserves, United States coast guards, or National Guard called into Federal service, during any war, the Philippine Insurrection, the expeditionary engagement in China, or in Mexico, or during the Mexican border service, and who, at the time of their enlistment, were residents of Pennsylvania, or who shall have served in some Pennsylvania organization, or who shall have resided within