

sinking fund to be in equal or graded annual or other periodical installments. Where any indebtedness shall be, or shall have been, incurred by said city and county of Philadelphia for the purpose of the construction or improvements of public works or utilities of any character, from which income or revenue is to be derived by said city and county, or for the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of wharves or docks owned or to be owned by said city and county, such obligations may be in an amount sufficient to provide for, and may include the amount of, the interest and sinking fund charges accruing and which may accrue thereon throughout the period of construction and until the expiration of one year after the completion of the work for which said indebtedness shall have been incurred, but not in excess of five years from the time of the incurring of such indebtedness; and said city and county shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking fund charges, as required by section ten, article nine of the constitution of Pennsylvania, until the expiration of said period of one year after the completion of said work.

E. C. SHANNON
President of the Senate

C. J. GOODNOUGH
Speaker of the House of Representatives

No. C-8

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by adding thereto an additional section.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following new section:

Section 18. The city of Pittsburgh may build, purchase, lease, as lessor or lessee, maintain or operate transit subways and other local transportation facilities as public improvements, including any structures, conveyances, appliances or appurtenances necessary or incidental thereto, and including underground or overhead passageways built in connection therewith, and

the police powers of the Commonwealth shall apply to such publicly owned transportation facilities similarly as to other public improvements. Said city may acquire, by eminent domain, either the fee or easements within land necessary for the construction or operation of such transportation facilities or for the disposal of earth or material excavated in the construction thereof. Properties within said city which may be peculiarly and especially benefited through the construction of such transportation facilities may be assessed, to pay such benefits, in accordance with existing or with future law or pursuant to statutes enacted prior to the adoption of this amendment but made effective thereby. Such special assessments, when so levied, may be made payable presently at one time or in installments over a period of years, and, when fixed, shall be credits to indebtedness incurred for such purposes in calculating the debt of the municipality. For the purpose of paying any part of the cost of acquiring such transportation facilities, the city of Pittsburgh may incur indebtedness, to the extent of two and one-half per cent of the assessed value of the taxable property therein, in addition to all indebtedness authorized for other or general purposes, but only with the consent of a majority of the electors voting on the question at an election to be held in accordance with law.

C. J. GOODNOUGH

Speaker of the House of Representatives

E. C. SHANNON

President of the Senate

No. C-9

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article fifteen, section four, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section four of article fifteen is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. The General Assembly is hereby authorized to provide for the consolidation of the county, poor districts, cities, boroughs and townships of the county of Allegheny, and the offices thereof, into a consolidated city and county, with the constitutional and