

ply to banks or trust companies in possession of the Secretary of Banking.

Section 6. If any part of this act shall be declared unconstitutional by any court, the remaining provisions of the act shall be given full force and effect as completely as if the part held unconstitutional had not been included herein.

Constitutionality.

Section 7. The power of a bank or a trust company to reorganize in the manner provided by this act shall be in addition to any power to reorganize granted, and notwithstanding any limitation imposed, by existing law. The operation of any act, or part of any act, inconsistent herewith, shall be suspended during the period this act shall continue to be effective.

Additional power.

Inconsistent acts suspended.

Section 8. This act shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor, and shall continue to be effective until the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 4th day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 96

AN ACT

To amend section one of the act, approved the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (Pamphlet Laws, ten), entitled "An act granting power to counties, cities (except cities of the first and second classes), boroughs, municipalities and school districts in this Commonwealth, which have issued bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness, to redeem the same and issue new bonds therefor, with or without interest coupons attached," as amended, by extending the provisions of the said act to cities of the first and second classes, and providing that the refunding bonds issued under the provisions thereof may bear interest at a rate of six per centum per annum, and providing further that said bonds shall be payable at any time not exceeding twenty years after the date thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (Pamphlet Laws, ten), entitled "An act granting power to counties, cities (except cities of the first and second classes), boroughs, municipalities and school districts in this Commonwealth, which have issued bonds or other interest bearing evidences of indebtedness, to redeem the same and issue new bonds therefor, with or without interest coupons attached," which was amended by section one of the act approved the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine (Pamphlet Laws, six), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Municipalities.

Bonded indebtedness.

Section 1, act of April 14, 1881 (P. L. 10), as amended by act of March 1, 1899 (P. L. 6), further amended.

Redemption of
bond issues.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in all cases where any county, city, borough, municipality or school district in this Commonwealth has, by virtue of any general or special act of Assembly, issued bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness, with or without interest coupons attached, to secure any indebtedness of any such county, city, borough, municipality or school district, which may have matured but remain unpaid and uncanceled, or are about to mature and become payable, or whenever any county, city, borough, municipality or school district shall have the option to redeem or pay any such bonds or interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness, or whenever holders of any bonds or interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness of any county, city, borough, municipality or school district, which may not have matured or become redeemable, are willing to surrender the whole or any part of such issue of bonds or interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness, it shall be lawful for any such county, city, borough, municipality or school district, for the purpose of redeeming or paying off any or all of the bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness, payable, redeemable or offered for redemption, as aforesaid, to issue and sell either registered or coupon bonds, [bearing interest at a rate not exceeding the rate the issue proposed to be refunded bears] *bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum*, and payable at any time not exceeding [thirty years] *twenty years* after the date thereof, and not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the bonds or other evidences of indebtedness so redeemed or paid, and the said bonds so issued or sold, in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall be exempt from taxation except for State purposes: Provided, however, That all moneys for the redemption of the issue of bonds proposed to be refunded, placed in the sinking fund, if any, shall be first applied to the payment, as far as applicable, of the principal of such bonds, and the balance of such issue only shall be redeemed by the issue of new bonds.

Refunding
bonds.

Rate of interest.

When redeem-
able.

Limit of issue.

Exemption from
local taxation.
Proviso.

Repeal.

When effective.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are repealed.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 4th day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT