

without a hearing. The State Workmen's Insurance Fund shall not be liable to make any payments under this act from any moneys except the State Work Relief Compensation Fund.

Section 7. There is hereby reappropriated to the State Work Relief Compensation Fund from the funds appropriated, or to be appropriated, for the biennium beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, to the State Emergency Relief Board, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars. Appropriation.

The said sum shall be repaid to the State Emergency Relief Board from the State Work Relief Compensation Fund in such installments and at such times as the Insurance Commissioner shall determine, and so much of the moneys in the State Work Relief Compensation Fund as may be necessary are hereby appropriated for that purpose. Repayment.

Section 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. Repeal.

Section 9. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment. When effective.

APPROVED—The 3d day of June, A. D. 1933.

I am signing this bill only because it is an emergency measure and absolutely necessary to enable work relief in Pennsylvania to be continued.

Under the existing law, all political subdivisions engaging in work relief must carry workmen's compensation insurance. The insurance companies have made a rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per week per person used in work relief. This rate is absolutely prohibitive.

Under this bill the rate for compensation insurance will be twenty-five cents (\$.25) per week per employe insured. That will make possible the continuance of work relief.

I realize that the bill provides that compensation shall not be paid until the twenty-seventh week of disability; but during the first twenty-six (26) weeks the injured employe and his family will undoubtedly be cared for by direct relief, so that the long waiting period does not mean that the injured workman and his family will be destitute during that period.

Work relief is so vital during these trying times that nothing dare be permitted to stop it. Therefore, even though I do not like the provisions of this bill, I am compelled to approve it.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 329

AN ACT

Providing for the appointment by the court of quarter sessions of the directors of the poor of the Erie County Poor District, and abolishing the elected directors; providing for the appointment and compensation of a director of welfare, investigators, assistants, experts, and employes, and for the employment and compensation of elected directors whose terms have not expired; and repealing existing laws.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the court of quarter sessions shall hereafter appoint the three directors Erie County
Poor District.

Court of quarter sessions to appoint directors.	of the poor of the Erie County Poor District, and the election of directors of the poor in said poor district and county is hereby abolished. The first appointment of directors under this act shall be made by the court, on or before the first Monday of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, for the following terms: One for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; the respective terms to commence on the first Monday of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four. Annually thereafter said court shall ap-
Term.	point one director for a term of three years to occupy the office of the director whose term expires. All persons appointed by the court shall be citizens of the county of Erie, and the persons appointed shall hold office until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.
Vacancies.	Vacancies in the office of director of the poor shall be filled by the court for the unexpired term.
Expenses.	The directors of the poor so appointed shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to all expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties, which expenses shall be paid out of the funds of the poor district, after approval by the court. Such directors shall not be county officers, and shall not be subject to the general laws relating to county officers.
Directors not county officers.	
Powers and duties.	Section 2. The appointed directors of the poor of the Erie County Poor District shall have power to appoint and fix the compensation, subject to the approval of the court of quarter sessions, of a director of welfare and such other investigators, assistants, and employes as may be deemed necessary to properly manage and administer the affairs of the poor districts. All persons so appointed shall be removable at the pleasure of the directors of the poor. The directors so appointed shall possess all the powers conferred, and perform all the duties imposed, by existing laws on directors of the poor and poor districts by the laws of the Commonwealth.
Directors whose terms have not expired to become employes.	Section 3. The elected directors of the poor of said poor district whose terms of office have not expired at the time the appointed directors take office shall become employes of the poor district until the expiration of their respective terms, and shall be entitled to receive the same compensation as they were entitled to while acting as directors; but such elected directors shall have no voice in the administration of the affairs of the poor district. They shall perform such duties as the director of welfare may prescribe.
Acts repealed.	Section 4. The following acts are hereby repealed: Sections one, eleven, and twelve of the act approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred twenty-three), entitled "An act to provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor in the county of Erie," and the amendments thereto.

The act approved the sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand five), entitled "An act to authorize the court of common pleas of Erie County to appoint poor directors for said county."

All other acts and parts of acts, general, local or special, inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. General repeal.

APPROVED—The 3d day of June, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 330

AN ACT

To amend clause (b) of section four, article two of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred eighty-one), entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first class of this Commonwealth," as amended, changing the order in which officers of such cities shall act as mayor in case of a vacancy or disability of the mayor to act.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That clause (b) of section four, article two of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred eighty-one), entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first class of this Commonwealth," as last amended by the act approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand one hundred eighty-nine), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Cities of first class.

Clause (b), article 2, act of June 25, 1919 (P. L. 581), as last amended by act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 1189), further amended.

(b) Until the vacancy is filled, or in case of the mayor's temporary disability, the *president of the council shall act as mayor; or if he should resign or be unable to act as mayor, then the chairman of the finance committee of the council shall act as mayor.* [director of public safety shall act as mayor; or if he should resign or be unable to act as mayor, then the director of public works shall act as mayor; or if he should resign or be unable to act as mayor, then the director of public health shall act as mayor; or if he should resign or be unable to act as mayor, then the director of public welfare shall act as mayor; or if he should resign or be unable to act as mayor, then the director of wharves, docks and ferries shall act as mayor; or if he should resign or be unable to act as mayor, then the director of city transit shall act as mayor; or if he should resign or be unable to act as mayor, then the director of supplies and purchases shall act as mayor; or if he should resign or be unable to act as mayor, then the director of city architecture shall act as mayor; or if he should resign or be unable to act as mayor, then the president of the council shall act as mayor.]

Vacancy in office of mayor.

APPROVED—The 3d day of June, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT