

ening soil erosion, the silting up of reservoirs, to control stream flow, and to extinguish interior holdings, and for fire observation tower and station purposes, together with the resources thereof.

APPROVED—The 8th day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 71

AN ACT

Requiring county officers and persons formerly occupying county offices in counties of the first class to pay over to the county treasurer for safekeeping certain unclaimed moneys, and providing for the payment of such moneys out of the county treasury to claimants, and for the escheat of unclaimed moneys.

Unclaimed moneys received by county officers.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any moneys shall have been paid over to any county officer in any county of the first class which do not belong to such county officer, and no provision is made by law for the payment over of such moneys into the county treasury, if no claim for the payment over of such moneys shall be made by the party legally entitled thereto within a period of one year after the same shall have been paid to the county officer, or before the expiration of the term of office of such county officer, regardless of the time the same shall have come into his possession, then it shall be the duty of the county officer, upon the expiration of said one year period or upon the expiration of his term of office, as the case may be, to pay all of such moneys, together with any interest earnings thereon, over to the county treasurer for safekeeping, and to furnish to the county treasurer a statement of the source from which such moneys were derived, and the name of the person or persons, if known, who are legally entitled to such moneys.

Officer to furnish county treasurer with statement showing source of funds.

Copy of said statement to be filed with the controller.

A copy of such statement shall also be filed with the controller. Such moneys shall be deposited in a fund separate and apart from all other public moneys and shall not be paid out for any purpose whatever, except as provided by this act.

County treasurer shall issue a receipt to the county officer.

The receipt issued by the county treasurer showing the payment over of such moneys shall fully discharge the county officer or person making such payment and his surety from all liability whatever for the payment of such moneys to the person or persons legally entitled thereto.

Scope of this act.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all moneys, and the interest earnings thereon, in the hands of any county officer for the period of one year and more prior to the effective date of this act. The pro-

visions of this section shall also apply to all persons whose term of office as county officers shall have expired prior to the effective date of this act and who may still retain any such moneys in their possession, and such person shall be required to pay over to the county treasurer all such unclaimed moneys, together with the interest earnings thereon, within sixty days after this act becomes effective and furnish to the county treasurer and controller a statement as in this section provided.

Section 2. If, after such moneys have been paid over to the county treasury, the person or persons legally entitled* thereto, if known, shall be notified to appear and claim the same, the moneys shall be repaid from the county treasury on warrant of the county controller after proof of claim to the satisfaction of the county controller.

Section 3. Hereafter no person shall, after the expiration of his term of office as a county officer, be entitled to receive payment of any moneys arising from official business transacted in the county office which he occupied, but all such moneys shall be paid over only to his successor in office, who shall become responsible therefor and subject to the payment over of such moneys into the county treasury as provided in this act. No county officer shall, upon the expiration of his term of office, remove from the county office, which he occupied, any official books, papers, records or documents whatever, but the same shall be turned over to his successor in office.

Section 4. All moneys paid into the county treasury, in accordance with the provisions of this act and held for the benefit of any claimant or claimants, shall, if no claim therefor is made within seven years from the time the same was paid into the county treasury, be escheated to the Commonwealth for the use of the county: Provided, however, That at least six months before any such escheat shall take place, the county treasurer shall notify by mail the person, if known, entitled to any of such moneys of such contemplated escheat, and shall publish once a week for three successive weeks in two newspapers of general circulation, published in the county, a true and accurate statement of such proposed escheat, stating the amount to be escheated and generally describing the sources from which such moneys were derived: And provided further, That if it shall appear that claim for any such moneys was not made within said period of seven years because of pending litigation, then payment of any such claim shall be made out of the county treasury if such claim shall be presented within one year after the final determination of said litigation.

So much of any provision of any act of Assembly relating to escheats, as provides for a reward to informers

Persons, if known, legally entitled to money shall be notified.

No person, after the expiration of his term, shall be entitled to receive money from official business of the county office.

If money is not claimed within 7 years, it shall escheat to the Commonwealth.

Proviso.

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Laws regarding rewards are not applicable.

* "entitle" in the original.

of an escheat, shall not apply to any proceedings to escheat any moneys referred to in this section, but in other respects the proceedings to escheat such money shall be governed by the laws relating to escheats, now or hereafter in force, in like manner as if the county treasurer were an officer of the court of common pleas of the proper county.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

When effective.

Section 6. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 8th day of April, A. D. 1937.

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No. 72

AN ACT

To amend section two hundred thirteen and section two thousand four hundred four as amended of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred seventy-seven), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof, and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," prescribing the qualifications of departmental deputies; and providing for liability insurance covering the operation of Federal vehicles used by the National Guard.

"Administrative Code."
Section 213, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two hundred thirteen of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred seventy-seven), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of