

the Adjutant General, ex officio, and [five] *seven* members, all of whom shall have served in the armed forces of the United States while a state of war existed between the United States of America and another sovereign power, and shall be members in good and regular standing of a Pennsylvania branch, post, lodge, or club, of a recognized national veterans organization active in this Commonwealth.

Quorum.

[Three] *Five* members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

The commission shall select from its number a chairman and a secretary.

APPROVED—The 4th day of June, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 328

AN ACT

To amend sections three and seven as amended, and section nine of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred fifty-two), entitled "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating a General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve, and operate projects, and to lease the same, and to fix and collect fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds by said Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into agreements with the Government of the United States or any Federal agency; and authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein, and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent domain; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act," by changing the personnel of the governing body; fixing the quorum thereof; and clarifying the powers of the Department of Property and Supplies.

Sections 3 and 7, act of June 28, 1935 (P. L. 452), as amended by act of May 18, 1937 (Act No. 178), further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That sections three and seven of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred fifty-two), entitled "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating a General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve, and operate projects, and to lease the same, and to fix and collect fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds by said Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into agreements with the Government of the United States or any Federal agency; and authorizing the Department

of Property and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein, and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent domain; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act," as amended by the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (Act Number 178), are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3. General State Authority.—The Governor of the State, the State Treasurer, the Auditor General, the Secretary of Internal Affairs, the Secretary of Property and Supplies, *the Speaker of the House of Representatives*, and the President pro tempore of the Senate and their respective successors in office, and [two] *three* citizens of Pennsylvania, one to be appointed by the Governor, *one by the Speaker of the House of Representatives*, and one by the President pro tempore of the Senate, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, constituting a public corporation and governmental instrumentality by the name of "The General State Authority." Said members of the Authority shall be entitled to no compensation for their services as members, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as members. Any vacancy happening among the appointed members of the Authority shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, *Speaker of the House of Representatives* or President pro tempore of the Senate, as the case may be.

Members of the corporation known as "The General State Authority."

Section 7. Governing Body.—The powers of the Authority shall be exercised by a governing body consisting of the members of the Authority acting as a board. Within ninety days after this act shall become effective, the board shall meet and organize by electing from their number a president and secretary. At the first regular meeting in each year thereafter, they shall elect from their number a president and secretary.

Governing board.

[Five] *Six* members shall constitute a quorum of the board for the purpose of organizing the Authority and conducting the business thereof and for all other purposes, and all action shall only be taken by vote of a majority of the members of the Authority, unless in any case the by-laws shall require a larger number.

Quorum.

The board shall have full authority to manage the properties and business of the Authority, and to prescribe, amend, and repeal by-laws, rules, and regulations governing the manner in which the business of the Authority may be conducted, and the powers granted to it may be exercised and embodied. The board shall fix and determine the number of officers, agents, and employes of the Authority and their respective compensation and

Powers of the board.

duties, and may delegate to one or more of their number or to one or more of said officers, agents, or employes such powers and duties as it may deem proper.

Section 2. That section nine of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9. Grant of Lands by Department to Authority.—The department shall have power and authority, with the approval of the Governor, to grant, assign, and convey to the Authority with or without consideration any lands, easements or rights in lands, *together with any improvements, buildings or structures therein or thereon*, now owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or hereafter acquired by it, needed or convenient for the corporate purposes of the Authority, or to lease to the Authority for a term, not exceeding ninety-nine (99) years, at a nominal or such other rental as may be determined, any or all such lands, easements, or rights in lands, *together with any improvements, structures or buildings therein or thereon*.

APPROVED—The 4th day of June, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 329

### AN ACT

Simplifying the procedure for the construction and financing of public works projects by municipalities; enabling municipalities to make and perform contracts with Federal agencies, relating to the construction and financing of such projects; and conferring additional powers upon municipalities.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That,

Public works.  
Short title.

Section 1. Short Title.—This act shall be known, and may be cited, as “The Municipal Emergency Procedure Act of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.”

Definitions.

Section 2. Definitions.—The following terms, whenever used or referred to in this act, shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning appears from the context.

(a) The term “Bond” shall mean bonds, interim receipts, certificates, or other obligations of a municipality issued, or to be issued, by its governing body, for the purpose of financing, or aiding in the financing of, any work, undertaking or project for which a loan or grant, or both, has heretofore been made, or may hereafter be made by any Federal agency.

(b) The terms “Contract” or “Agreement” between a Federal agency and a municipality shall include contracts and agreements in the customary form and shall also be deemed to include an allotment of funds, resolu-