

ments as may be entered into shall, at the time of their approval, be deposited with each of the party States and with the Civil Defense Agency and other appropriate agencies of the United States Government.

Article 13. This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each party State until the Legislature or the Governor of such party State takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until 30 days after notice thereof has been sent by the Governor of the party State desiring to withdraw to the Governors of all other party States.

Duration of compact.

Article 14. This compact shall be construed to effectuate the purposes stated in Article 1 hereof. If any provision of this compact is declared unconstitutional or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Construction and severability.

Section 2. Duly authenticated copies of this act shall, upon its approval, be transmitted to the Governor of each State, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, to the Secretary of State of the United States, and to the Council of State Governments.

Distribution of authenticated copies of this act.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of March, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 8

### AN ACT

To amend section 9 of the act, approved the twenty-first day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 665), entitled "An act to carry into effect section one of article fifteen of the Constitution, giving cities of the first class the right and power to frame, adopt and amend their own charters and to exercise the powers and authority of local self-government, and providing the procedure therefor; imposing certain restrictions, limitations and regulations; imposing duties upon city councils, city officers, county boards of elections, courts and the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and providing for the payment of certain expenses by such cities; and imposing penalties," by changing the requirements for publication in newspapers of charter proposals and amendments.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 9 of the act, approved the twenty-first day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 665), entitled "An act to carry into

"First Class City Home Rule Act."

Section 9, act of April 21, 1949, P. L. 665, amended.

effect section one of article fifteen of the Constitution, giving cities of the first class the right and power to frame, adopt and amend their own charters and to exercise the powers and authority of local self-government, and providing the procedure therefor; imposing certain restrictions, limitations and regulations; imposing duties upon city councils, city officers, county boards of elections, courts and the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and providing for the payment of certain expenses by such cities; and imposing penalties," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9. Filing and Distribution of Proposed Charters or Amendments; Framing of Ballot Question.—The new charter proposed by the commission or the proposed amendments which the city council of the city shall have provided, by ordinance, for submission to the qualified electors of the city for their approval or disapproval, as provided in section six of this act, shall be filed with the city council, which shall thereupon cause said proposal or proposals, together with the form of the question or questions hereinafter provided for, to be printed in pamphlet form in sufficient number for general distribution. The said pamphlets shall be made ready for distribution at least twenty-eight days before the election at which the proposals aforesaid are to be voted upon by the electors and the said proposals, together with the said ballot questions, shall also be published [once a week for three weeks in at least two] *not less than once or more than three times, as city council shall determine, in three newspapers of general circulation in the city.* Such publications shall appear during the three weeks immediately preceding the election at which the vote is to be taken upon said proposals. Each ballot question shall be framed in brief form of not more than seventy-five words by the commission proposing the new charter, or by the city council of the city, in the case of amendments. The said questions shall be stated in the report of the commission or in the ordinance of the city council. Whenever a proposed new charter or amendments shall propose any change in the manner of selection of elected city officers, such proposal and the necessary ballot question shall be stated separately from the remainder of the proposed new charter in the report or ordinance, as the case may be, and in the publications herein required. The commission may require that its proposed charter be submitted in two or more parts, so arranged that corresponding parts of the existing charter shall remain in effect if one or more of such parts are not adopted, and may also submit alternative charters or alternative provisions to supersede designated portions of the pro-

posed charter, if adopted. In such case, the commission shall prescribe the form of questions in such a manner as will clearly indicate the effect of the approval of such questions. All amendments to the charter shall be separately submitted. The clerk of the city council shall, within five days after the filing of a new charter proposed by a charter commission or within five days after final enactment of an ordinance by the city council, as aforesaid, providing for submission of amendments to its charter, certify an exact copy of the text of such new charter or amendments, together with the necessary ballot questions, to the county board of elections of the county wherein such city is situate. The county board of elections shall cause the said ballot questions to be properly printed on the ballots or ballot labels.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment. Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of March, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 9

AN ACT

To amend section 3 of the act, approved the eighteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws 137), entitled "An act \*providing for the appointment, powers and control of members of volunteer fire companies as special fire police, and conferring powers on them at fires attended by their fire companies in any city, borough, town and township," by correcting the name of the Pennsylvania Motor Police to the Pennsylvania State Police.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Firemen.

Section 1. Section 3 of the act, approved the eighteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws 137), entitled "An act providing for the appointment, powers and control \*\*of members of volunteer fire companies as special fire police, and conferring powers on them at fires attended by their fire companies in any city, borough, town and township," is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 3, act of June 18, 1941, P. L. 137, amended.

Section 3. All special fire police when on duty shall display a badge of authority and shall be subject to the control of the chief of police, if any, of the city, borough, town or township in which they are serving, or, if none, of a member of the Pennsylvania [Motor] State Police. Special fire police subject to control of police chief of municipality or of Pennsylvania State Police.

APPROVED—The 22d day of March, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

\* "provided" in original.

\*\* "of" omitted in original.