

sions, 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," as amended by the act, approved the fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1349), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 507. Purchases.—

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Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section, any department, board or commission may:

(1) Purchase repairs or repair parts for its equipment from the manufacturer of such equipment, or from the manufacturer's authorized dealer;

(2) [Contract for services of the public utility companies] *Contract for utility services furnished by public utility companies, political subdivisions and authorities;*

(3) Rent machinery and other equipment and devices;

(4) Employ professional or skilled labor, on a temporary basis, in instances where the Department of Property and Supplies does not have an applicable contract, but all such employment shall be approved by the Governor except in the case of a State institution, when it shall be approved by the head of the department having supervision over the institution;

(5) Subscribe to periodicals, magazines or newspapers, or purchase books or take memberships in independent organizations or societies having related functions, but all such memberships shall be approved by the Governor.

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

Act effective
immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

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No. 543

AN ACT

To further amend section 2 of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 289), entitled "An act providing for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the coal mines of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; the protection and preservation of property connected therewith; the appointment of electrical inspectors by the Secretary of Mines with the consent and ap-

proval of the Governor; the fixing of their salaries and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; and the fixing of the qualifications which shall be possessed by persons appointed to the position of electrical inspector," by increasing the salary of electrical inspectors.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 289), entitled "An act providing for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the coal mines of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; the protection and preservation of property connected therewith; the appointment of electrical inspectors by the Secretary of Mines with the consent and approval of the Governor; the fixing of their salaries and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; and the fixing of the qualifications which shall be possessed by persons appointed to the position of electrical inspector," as amended by the act, approved the ninth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 917), is hereby further amended to read as follows: Section 2, act of April 25, 1945, P. L. 289, as amended by act of May 9, 1949, P. L. 917, further amended.

Section 2. The persons appointed to the position of electrical inspector shall not be under 30 or over 50 years of age on the date of their appointment. They shall be citizens of this Commonwealth and shall devote their whole time and attention to the duties of their office. They shall have had five years' experience in gaseous mines of this Commonwealth as electrician or electrical engineer, and shall be conversant with the laws and regulations governing the installation and operation of electrical equipment in and around coal mines. The electrical inspector shall receive a salary of [five thousand eight hundred fifty-six dollars (\$5,856)] *six thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars (\$6,652)* per annum together with the necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties under the law. Such salaries and expenses shall be paid from the appropriation made for the payment of the salaries and expenses of the mine inspectors. Qualifications of electrical inspectors.

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

APPROVED—The 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE