

class within the provisions of this act; prescribing the terms and conditions upon which foreign nonprofit corporations may be admitted or may continue to do business within the Commonwealth; conferring powers and imposing duties on the courts of common pleas, prothonotaries of such courts, recorders of deeds, and certain State departments, commissions, and officers; authorizing certain local public officers and State departments to collect fees for services required to be rendered by this act; imposing penalties; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to corporations," is hereby amended by adding thereto, after subsection D, a new subsection to read as follows:

Section 3. Applicability and Acceptance of Act.—

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E. Any corporation incorporated prior to one thousand eight hundred seventy-four by any general or special act which has not filed with the Department of State a certificate accepting the provisions of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and of the act herein amended may amend its charter for the purpose of changing its name, as provided in article seven of this act, in the same manner and to the same extent as if it had filed the certificate of acceptance provided for in the section herein amended.

Act effective immediately.

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

APPROVED—The 26th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 424

AN ACT

Validating certain contracts entered into by municipality authorities for the construction of school projects without receiving separate bids and awarding separate contracts for heating and ventilating work.

School districts.

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

Certain contracts entered into by municipality authorities for construction of school projects, etc., validated.

Section 1. Whenever any municipality authority shall have heretofore entered into any contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the construction of any school project or projects authorized by law, and the contract was awarded without having separate specifications and without receiving separate bids and awarding separate contracts for the heating and ventilating work as required by law, and the contract has been performed and the authority has received the benefits therefrom, if

said contract does not evidence any fraud or conspiracy to violate the laws of the Commonwealth and neither the authority nor the school district or districts for whose benefit the project is constructed has suffered any pecuniary loss as the result of such failure to comply with the law, then such contract is hereby ratified and made valid to the same extent as if separate specifications had been prepared, separate bids received and separate contracts awarded for the heating and ventilating work.

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

APPROVED—The 26th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 425

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation; and providing for refunds," by further fixing fees for annual registration and chassis and maximum gross weights of certain commercial vehicles.

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

Section 1. Section 703 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, en-

"The Vehicle Code."

Section 703, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, as last amended by act of May 26, 1943, P. L. 618, further amended.