

Duties of
Governor or head
of State agency
or political
subdivision.

Providso.

If the grievance can be adjusted through negotiation and informal conferences between the various parties, it shall be so adjusted [if]. *If the conference negotiations do not result in rulings satisfactory to all parties concerned within thirty (30) days of a request made for a hearing by any of the parties concerned*, the panel shall afford the public employes and the governmental agency a full hearing [after which]. *Within thirty (30) days of the close of such hearing*, the panel shall make their findings, copy of which shall be *forthwith* sent to the Governor, to the General Assembly, and to the head of the agency, or political subdivision involved. Upon receipt of the findings of the panel the Governor or the head of the State agency or political subdivision involved may take administrative measures to remedy the complaints. If the Governor or the head of the State agency or political subdivision finds that the situation complained of can only be remedied by legislative action, the Governor may refer the matter to the Legislature for correction, or the head of the State agency or political subdivision may refer the matter to the proper law-making body. If the members of the panel decide that legal counsel is necessary they may, with the approval of the Attorney General, engage local counsel to advise them on the questions involved: Provided, however, That in the case of grievances or controversies involving employes of the public school system of the Commonwealth, the school board or Board of Public Education, at the request of the employes, shall set up a panel of three members, one an employe of the school district to be selected by the employes, one a member of the board of school directors or Board of Public Education to be selected by such body, and the third shall be the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his nominee. The members of the panel shall serve without compensation, but shall receive all necessary traveling expenses, which shall be paid by the school district or Board of Public Education involved.

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

JOHN S. FINE

No. 433

AN ACT

To carry out the intent and purpose of Article XV, Section 1 and Article XIV, Section 8 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and to supplement the First Class City Home Rule Act, approved April twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 665), by vesting in the Council of the City of Philadelphia full powers to legislate with respect to the election, appointment, compensation, organization, abolition, merger, consolidation, powers, functions and duties of certain officers,

offices, boards and commissions of the City of Philadelphia; providing that such officers may be made appointive or abolished; altering the term of the District Attorney of Philadelphia; and establishing the status of the Sheriff, City Commissioners, Board of Revision of Taxes and Registration Commission, the members of such board and commission, and the subordinates and employes of such officers, board and commission.

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

Council of the
City of
Philadelphia.

Section 1. Declaration of Purpose.

The purpose of this act is to carry out the intent and purpose of Article XV, Section 1 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, known as the "Home Rule Amendment," and Article XIV, Section 8 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, known as the "City-County Consolidation Amendment," by enabling the Council of the City of Philadelphia to abolish or provide for the appointment of certain elective officers to abolish certain offices, boards and commissions, and pursuant to Section 1-102(2) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, to integrate and merge within the framework of the government of the City of Philadelphia functions heretofore performed by certain officers, offices, boards or commissions, so that hereafter all of these functions may be carried out by officers, offices, departments, boards or commissions of the City of Philadelphia under the provisions of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter adopted by the electorate of the City of Philadelphia on April seventeen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, pursuant to the First Class City Home Rule Act of April twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 665).

Section 2. Powers of Council.

(a) Subject to the provisions of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, the Council of the City of Philadelphia shall have full powers to legislate with respect to the election, appointment, compensation, organization, abolition, merger, consolidation, powers, functions and duties of the Coroner, Recorder of Deeds, City Treasurer, Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and the Board of Inspectors of the Philadelphia County Prison. The provisions of Section 1-102(2) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter are hereby validated and the power of Council to act thereunder is hereby confirmed.

(b) The Council of the City of Philadelphia may abolish or alter the manner of selection of any of the above officers without submitting the determination of that question to the electorate of the City of Philadelphia.

Section 3. District Attorney.

The District Attorney shall continue to be elected, or, in the event of a vacancy, appointed as now provided by law, provided that the term of the District Attorney elected at the municipal election to be held in 1955 shall be for two years, and thereafter the District Attorney shall be elected for a term of four years, at the same municipal election as the Controller. The District Attorney shall take office on the first Monday in January in the year following his election.

Section 4. Continuation of Functions.

Any act of the General Assembly heretofore granting powers to or imposing duties upon any of the officers, offices, boards or commissions named in section 2 hereof shall be deemed to vest such powers in and impose such duties upon the officers, offices, departments, boards or commissions who shall hereafter be vested with such powers and charged with such duties pursuant to any ordinance of Council.

Section 5. Sheriff, City Commissioners, Board of Revision of Taxes and Registration Commission.

The Sheriff, City Commissioners, the members of the Board of Revision of Taxes and the members of the Registration Commission shall continue to be elected or appointed, organized and compensated, and shall continue to perform all duties and shall have all powers and authority, including, but not limited to, the power and authority to hire and remove employes, as were provided by the Constitution and the acts of Assembly in effect immediately preceding the adoption of Article XIV, Section 8 of the Constitution, and the provisions now or hereafter contained in the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to civil service and prohibiting political activities by officers and employes of the City of Philadelphia shall be inapplicable to the Sheriff, City Commissioners, Board of Revision of Taxes and members thereof and the Registration Commission and members thereof, and the subordinates and employes of such officers, board and commission.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

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

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