

No. 54

AN ACT

Amending the act of April three, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 50), entitled "An act authorizing cities of the first class to provide for the use of moneys borrowed, or authorized to be borrowed, for purposes which have proved or may prove impracticable, impossible or inadvisable, for any other lawful municipal purpose, or to provide for the cancellation of the authority to borrow such moneys," changing the provisions for advertising notices of ordinances and elections on changing the purpose for which indebtedness has been incurred or authorized and on rescinding the authority to incur such indebtedness in cities of the first class.

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

Sections 2 and 3,
act of April 3,
1923, P. L. 50,
amended.

Section 1. Sections two and three, act of April three, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 50), entitled "An act authorizing cities of the first class to provide for the use of moneys borrowed, or authorized to be borrowed, for purposes which have proved or may prove impracticable, impossible or inadvisable, for any other lawful municipal purpose, or to provide for the cancellation of the authority to borrow such money," are amended to read:

Notice by advertisement required when debt is increased without assent of electors.

Section 2. When said debt shall have been authorized or increased without the assent of the electors, [such ordinance, prior to its final passage, shall be published daily for two weeks in two] *prior to the final passage of the ordinance, a summary of the provisions of each section thereof shall be published five times, at intervals of not less than three days in at least two daily newspapers having a bona fide circulation in such city of at least thirty thousand (30,000) copies per issue.*

Notice by advertisement required when debt is authorized by assent of electors and change of purpose or use is desired.

Section 3. Whenever the original increase of indebtedness shall have been made or authorized with the assent of the electors of such city, and the council may desire to use the money so borrowed, or authorized to be borrowed, for any other lawful municipal purpose as aforesaid, or to refrain from borrowing so much thereof as shall not have been borrowed or any part thereof, they shall give notice by advertisement, once a week for [four] *three* weeks in each of three daily newspapers having a bona fide circulation in such city of at least thirty thousand (30,000) copies per issue, *and in the legal journal designated by the rules of court for the publication of legal notices and advertisements*, of an election to be held at the place or places of holding municipal elections on a day to be by them fixed. Such notice shall state: (a) The date of such election: (b) The amount of money theretofore borrowed or authorized to

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be borrowed for the purpose in question: (c) The purpose for which such indebtedness was originally authorized: (d) The new purpose for which the council of such city desire to make use of said money, or the fact that it is desired not to borrow the same or a specified amount thereof, and such notice may further state: (e) The reason why said money may not be used for the purpose for which it was borrowed or authorized to be borrowed or why it may be advisable not to use it for such purpose.

A certified copy of the ordinance required by section one of this act, and where notice shall be required by section three hereof a copy of such notice, shall be filed in the office of the prothonotary of the court of common pleas of the county in which such city is situated.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of June, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 55

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," prohibiting the willful obstruction of emergency telephone calls and requiring notice of the offense to be printed in telephone directories.

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

Section 1. The act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), known as "The Penal Code," is amended, by adding after section six hundred eighty-eight, a new section to read:

Section 688.1. Willful Obstruction of Emergency Telephone Calls.—(a) Any person who willfully refuses to immediately relinquish a party line when informed that the line is needed for an emergency call to a fire department or police department or for medical aid or ambulance service, or any person who secures the use of a party line by falsely stating that the line is needed for an emergency call, is guilty of the offense of malicious obstruction of emergency telephone calls, and upon conviction thereof, in a summary proceeding, shall, for the first offense, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50), and for the second, or any subsequent offense, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300), or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both.

"Party line," as used in this section, means a subscribers line telephone circuit, consisting of two or more main telephone stations connected therewith each sta-

"The Penal Code."

Act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended by adding a new section 688.1.

Willful refusal to relinquish telephone party line for certain emergency calls, or securing telephone party line by false statement of emergency need, is an offense, punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, upon conviction in summary proceeding.

Definitions.