

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.

tion with a distinctive ring or telephone number. "Emergency," as used in this section, means a situation in which property or human life are in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential.

Notice of offense.

(b) Every telephone directory hereafter distributed to the members of the general public in this Commonwealth, or in any portion thereof, which lists the calling numbers of telephones of any telephone exchange located in this Commonwealth, shall contain a notice which explains the offense provided for in this section. The notice shall be printed in type which is not smaller than the smallest other type on the same page, and to be preceded by the word "warning" printed in type at least as large as the largest type on the same page. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to those directories distributed solely for business advertising purposes commonly known as classified directories, nor to any telephone directory heretofore distributed to the general public. Any person, firm or corporation providing telephone service which distributes, or causes to be distributed, in this Commonwealth copies of a telephone directory violating the provisions of this subsection, shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding 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.

Act effective  
January 1, 1956.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.

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

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 56

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 581), entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first class of this Commonwealth," changing the provisions for notices of ordinances and elections, relating to indebtedness in cities of the first class, and the contents and the advertising thereof.

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

Section 3, Article XVIII, act of June 25, 1919, P. L. 581, amended July 13, 1923, P. L. 1084, Act No. 445, further amended.

Section 1. Section three of Article XVIII, act of June twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 581), entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first class of this Commonwealth," amended July thirteen, one thousand nine