

entific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals and no substantial part of the activities of the trustee or trustees or of the fraternal society, order or association is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

(c) To or for the use of any veterans' organization incorporated by Act of Congress or of its departments or local chapters or posts, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Section 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 1957. Effective date.

APPROVED—The 28th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 591

AN ACT

Amending the act of May seventeen, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1798), entitled "An act providing a fixed charge, payable by the Commonwealth, on lands acquired by the State and the Federal Government for forest reserves, or for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating a portion of the original forests of Pennsylvania, and preserving and maintaining the same as public places and parks; and the distribution of the same for county, school, township, and road purposes in the counties, school districts, and townships where such forests are located; and making an appropriation," increasing the amounts of payments from the Commonwealth to counties, and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Section one, act of May seventeen, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1798), entitled "An act providing a fixed charge, payable by the Commonwealth, on lands acquired by the State and the Federal Government for forest reserves, or for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating a portion of the original forests of Pennsylvania, and preserving and maintaining the same as public places and parks; and the distribution of the same for county, school, township, and road purposes in the counties, school districts, and townships where such forests are located; and making an appropriation," amended February **17, 1956 (Act No. 341), is amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That (a) from and after the passage of this act, all lands heretofore or hereafter acquired by the Commonwealth, or by the Government of the United States, for forest reserves or

Section 1, act of May 17, 1929, P. L. 1798, amended February 17, 1953, Act No. 341, further amended.

Charge on lands held by State and Federal Government as forest reserves.

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for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating any portion of the original forests of Pennsylvania and preserving and maintaining the same as public places and parks, and which, by existing laws, are now exempt from taxation, and all lands and property heretofore or hereafter acquired for the purpose of conservation of water, or to prevent flood conditions, upon which a tax is imposed by existing laws payable by the Commonwealth, shall hereafter be subject to an annual charge of [two and one-half] *five* cents per acre, for the benefit of the county in which said lands are located, two and one-half cents per acre for the benefit of the schools in the respective school districts in which such lands are located, and two and one-half cents per acre for the benefit of the roads in the township where such lands are located, which charge shall be payable by the Commonwealth. (b) Except as hereinafter provided, the annual charge payable by the Commonwealth on land acquired by the Government of the United States for forest reserves is to continue only until the receipts of money by treasurers and road supervisors of the said counties and school districts and townships in which national forest reserves are located, provided for in act of April twenty-seventh, one thousand nine hundred twenty-five, Pamphlet Laws, three hundred twenty-four, shall equal or exceed the amount paid by the Commonwealth in lieu of taxes. This subsection shall not apply to the annual charge of two and one-half cents per acre for the benefit of the county in which the land acquired by the Government of the United States for forest reserves is located for the years one thousand nine hundred fifty-three, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five and one thousand nine hundred fifty-six. The charges for the benefit of the county for these years shall be paid by the Commonwealth.

Appropriation.

Section 2. The sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Forests and Waters for the purpose of paying the increased amounts of payments as provided in section one of this act. The appropriation hereby made is in addition to any other appropriation made by any other act of the General Assembly.

Effective date.

Section 3. This act shall take effect June 1, 1956.

APPROVED—The 28th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER