

and Supplies for the payment of the purchase prices and incidental expenses, including the completion of abstracts of title.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 645

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with approval of the Governor, to acquire sixty-three acres, more or less, of land in Washington Township, Erie County, for use of Edinboro State Teachers' College, and making an appropriation.

Real property.

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

Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, authorized to purchase certain land in Washington Township, Erie County.

Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized to purchase in the name of the Commonwealth, for use of Edinboro State Teachers' College, all or any part less than all of the tract of land in the Township of Washington and County of Erie and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

Description.

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Township Route No. T-374 the eastern line of the Borough of Edinboro and the eastern line of the land of Edinboro State Teachers' College; thence northwardly along the borough and college line 1750 feet, more or less, to a point; thence northeastwardly along the easterly line of land of Edinboro State Teachers' College 700 feet, more or less, to a point; thence eastwardly on a course approximately parallel to Route No. 6N along the northern line of land of L. and B. Ghering 950 feet, more or less, to a point on the western line of land of Stafford; thence southwardly along the western line of Stafford's land 1800 feet, more or less, to the southwest corner of Stafford's land; thence southwestwardly along the residue of land of Ghering 1150 feet, more or less, to the centerline of Route No. T-374; thence westwardly along the centerline of Route No. T-374 720 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, containing 63 acres more or less, of land.

And being part of the same land conveyed to Luceil Darrow Ghering and Boyd W. Ghering, her husband, by deed of Helen Glick, single person, dated August 4, 1932, and recorded August 19, 1932, in Erie County, Deed Book Volume 356, at page 383.

Section 2. The land shall not be acquired until its title has been approved by the Department of Justice.

Title to be approved by Department of Justice.

Section 3. The sum of nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000), or as much thereof as is necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Property and Supplies for the payment of the purchase price and incidental expenses, including the completion of an abstract of title.

Appropriation.

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 646

AN ACT

Authorizing the appointment of a joint committee of the House and Senate under the Joint State Government Commission for the *purpose of making a study and investigation and legislative recommendations relating to subsidence of surface soil in anthracite and bituminous coal mining regions and the damages occurring as a result of such subsidence; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Committee and the Commission, and making an appropriation to the Joint State Government Commission.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created, under the Joint State Government Commission, a joint committee to be known as the Subsidence Committee which shall consist of five members of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and five members of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate. The Committee shall elect a chairman. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Committee during its existence, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the member whose place is vacated.

Creation of Subsidence Committee, under the Joint State Government Commission.

Section 2. During the interim between the present and next succeeding biennial session of the General Assembly, it shall be the duty of the Committee to make a complete study and investigation in the anthracite and bituminous coal mining regions of the circumstances,

Duty of study and investigation of subsidence of surface soil due to coal mining operations.

* "purchase" in original.