

Section 2. Section 1202 of the act is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read:

Section 1202 of the act amended by adding a new clause LXVIII.

Section 1202. Specific Powers.—The powers of the borough shall be vested in the corporate officers. They shall have power:

* * * * *

**LXVIII. Historical Property.—To acquire by purchase or by gift, and to repair, supervise, operate and maintain ancient landmarks and other property of historical or antiquarian interest.*

APPROVED—The 25th day of August, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 264

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 21, 1937 (P. L. 1982), entitled "An act authorizing the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to prescribe rules of practice and procedure in civil actions at law and in equity in certain courts of this Commonwealth, to prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of any general business, either civil or criminal, by judges of any court of record; authorizing the courts of common pleas to prescribe and adopt local rules, not inconsistent with such general rules of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; authorizing the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to appoint a Procedural Rules Committee, and to fix and define its powers and duties; imposing duties on judges and other officers of every court of record," granting the power to prescribe rules of practice and procedure in civil matters in the courts of quarter sessions.

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

Supreme Court authorized to prescribe rules of practice and procedure and to appoint a Procedural Rules Committee.

Section 1. Sections 1 and 2, act of June 21, 1937 (P. L. 1982), entitled "An act authorizing the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to prescribe rules of practice and procedure in civil actions at law and in equity in certain courts of this Commonwealth, to prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of any general business, either civil or criminal, by judges of any court of record; authorizing the courts of common pleas to prescribe and adopt local rules, not inconsistent with such general rules of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; authorizing the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to appoint a Procedural Rules Committee, and to fix and define its powers and duties; imposing duties on judges and other officers of every court of record," amended March 30, 1939 (P. L. 14), **are amended to read:

Sections 1 and 2, act of June 21, 1937, P. L. 1982, amended March 30, 1939, P. L. 14, further amended.

* "LXVII" in original.

** "is" in original.

Power of Supreme Court to prescribe forms and rules of practice and procedure for the lower courts of Pennsylvania, except courts of oyer and terminer, Orphans' Courts, and criminal matters in the courts of quarter sessions.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the effective date of this act, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania shall have the power to prescribe by general rule the forms of actions, process, writs, pleadings, and motions, and the practice and procedure in civil actions at law and in equity for the courts of common pleas *and for the courts of quarter sessions* of every county, for the county court of Allegheny County, for the municipal court of Philadelphia, and for such other courts having jurisdiction in civil actions as the General Assembly shall hereafter establish: Provided, That such rules shall be consistent with the Constitution of this Commonwealth and shall neither abridge, enlarge nor modify the substantive rights of any litigant nor the jurisdiction of any of the said courts, nor affect any statute of limitations. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the courts of oyer and terminer [courts of quarter sessions and the Orphans' Courts of this Commonwealth], *to the Orphans' Courts and to criminal matters in the courts of quarter sessions*, and the practice and procedure [in said courts] *therein* shall remain and continue as prescribed by existing law. At the time of the adoption, promulgation, and publication of its general rules, the Supreme Court shall fix the effective date thereof, which shall not be less than six months from the date of the adoption thereof. As soon as promulgated, a copy of all rules shall be sent to the prothonotaries or clerks of all courts which may be affected thereby, and shall be published by such prothonotaries or clerks in the same manner as local rules adopted by such courts.

From and after the effective date of any rule promulgated under this section 1, and so long as said rule shall be operative, the operation of any act of Assembly relating to practice or procedure in such courts, and inconsistent with such rule, shall be suspended in so far as such act may be inconsistent with such rule.

Lower courts may adopt additional rules for conduct of business.

Section 2. Each of the courts of common pleas, *each of the courts of quarter sessions*, the county court of Allegheny County, the municipal court of Philadelphia, and other courts established by the General Assembly, may adopt additional local rules for the conduct of its business, which shall not be inconsistent with or in conflict with said general rules prescribed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Construction.

Section 2. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to modify, amend or repeal any provision of the act of July 11, 1957 (P. L. 819), entitled "An act authorizing the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania to prescribe general rules of practice and procedure in all criminal actions in certain courts of this Commonwealth; authorizing certain courts to prescribe and adopt local

rules, not inconsistent with such general rules of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania; authorizing the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania to appoint a Criminal Procedural Rules Committee, and fixing and defining its powers and duties; imposing duties on judges and other officers of every court of record; fixing penalties."

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 25th day of August, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 265

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," authorizing temporary investment of township funds.

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

The First Class Township Code.

Section 1. The act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955), is amended by adding, after section 1705, a new section to read:

Act of June 24, 1931, P. L. 1206, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949, P. L. 1955, amended by adding a new section 1705.1.

Section 1705.1. Temporary Investment of Township Funds.—The board of commissioners shall have power to provide for the temporary investment of moneys, in the general township fund or in special funds, in United States treasury bills and for the disposal of such securities when the moneys may be needed, or to place such funds in savings accounts or share accounts of institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation to the extent that such accounts are so insured.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 25th day of August, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 266

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," providing that the zoning board of adjustment must give their decision within forty-five days.