

Section 1. The Commonwealth shall have the power to acquire land by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, for the purpose of establishing burial grounds for the disposal of radioactive material to be operated by the Secretary of Health or under his direction.

Acquisition of land for burial of radioactive material to be operated by Secretary of Health.

Section 2. The Secretary of Health shall have the power to operate such burial grounds for the Commonwealth, or to contract with other governmental agencies or private persons to operate such burial grounds.

Powers of Secretary of Health.

Section 3. The Department of Health shall make a reasonable charge to any person requesting permission to bury radioactive material commensurate with the cost of operating the burial facilities. Such moneys collected shall be appropriated to the Department of Health. The moneys so appropriated shall constitute a fund from which the Department shall pay the cost of operation of such burial.

Charges and disposition of funds.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 26th day of October, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 481

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 10, 1951 (P. L. 1199), entitled "An act concerning devises, bequests or gifts in trust for the care and maintenance of cemeteries, burial grounds or cemetery lots, trustees and substituted trustees thereof, sureties of said trustees, the investment of such trust funds, accounts of said trustees; approving actions and proceedings prior to this act; and repealing conflicting laws," extending the provisions thereof to include political subdivisions.

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

Investments.

Section 1. Sections 1, 2 and 3, act of August 10, 1951 (P. L. 1199), entitled "An act concerning devises, bequests or gifts in trust for the care and maintenance of cemeteries, burial grounds or cemetery lots, trustees and substituted trustees thereof, sureties of said trustees, the investment of such trust funds, accounts of said trustees; approving actions and proceedings prior to this act; and repealing conflicting laws," are amended to read:

Sections 1, 2 and 3, act of August 10, 1951, P. L. 1199, amended.

Public or private cemetery companies, religious corporations and political subdivisions, maintaining burial grounds may be appointed trustees, and as such may receive devises, bequests or gifts for the care, etc., of their burial grounds.

Proviso.

Such corporations authorized to combine and merge the principal of two or more such trust funds in an omnibus fund for investment purposes.

Triennial accounts not required.

Act effective immediately.

Section 1. Every nonprofit corporation heretofore or hereafter incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of conducting or maintaining a public or private cemetery therein, and every religious corporation authorized by its articles to maintain a burial ground, and every political *subdivision within this Commonwealth maintaining a cemetery or burial ground, may be appointed the original trustee or, when for any reason a vacancy may occur in a trusteeship, substituted or successor trustee for, and as such may receive devises, bequests or gifts, the principal of which is to be held in trust, in perpetuity or for a lesser period of time, for the care, maintenance, preservation, ornamentation or benefit of its cemetery or burial ground or the cemetery lots therein in which burial rights have been or may hereafter be granted, upon giving its own bond without surety, provided the court having jurisdiction of the appointment of any such trustee or substituted or successor trustee so to be appointed has made proper provision for the administration of said devises, bequests or gifts, separate and apart from the corporate assets of said corporation or political subdivision.

Section 2. Any such corporation or political subdivision, which as trustee or substituted or successor trustee, may receive devises, bequests or gifts, the principal of which is to be held in trust, in perpetuity or for a lesser period of time, for the care, maintenance, preservation, ornamentation or benefit of its cemetery or burial ground or the cemetery lots therein in which burial rights have been or may hereafter be granted, may combine and merge the principal of two or more such trust funds in an omnibus fund for purposes of investment of the same.

Section 3. Corporations or political subdivisions which may receive such trusts, as aforesaid, shall not be required to file triennial accounts, but shall be subject to the court having jurisdiction to proceedings to compel the filing of accounts, in the discretion of said court.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 26th day of October, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 482

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 28, 1953, (P. L. 723), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," increasing the annual salaries of certain officers in counties of the second class.

* "subdivisions" in original.