

advance in classification, or *whenever it shall appear by the last two preceding censuses* that a county has heretofore or hereafter decreased in population so as to recede in classification, as herein prescribed, it shall be the duty of the Governor, under the great seal of this Commonwealth, to certify that fact accordingly, to the board of county commissioners on or before the first day of October of the year succeeding that in which the census was taken or as soon thereafter as may be, which certificate shall be forwarded by the commissioners to the recorder of deeds and be recorded in his office.

*It is the intent of this section that the classification of any county shall not be changed because its population has decreased at the time of one United States decennial census, because it is recognized that a change in the form of local government is attended by certain expense and hardship, and such change should not be occasioned by a temporary fluctuation in population, but rather only after it is demonstrated by two censuses that the population of a county has remained below the minimum figure of its class for at least a decade.*

(c) Changes of class ascertained and certified as aforesaid shall become effective on the first day of January next following the year in which the change was so certified by the Governor to the county commissioners but the salaries of county officers shall not thereby be increased or decreased during the term for which they shall have been elected. In the municipal election following such certification of change of class and preceding the effective date of such change, the proper number of persons shall be elected to fill any elective office which will exist in the county by the change of classification certified. No election shall be held for any office which will be abolished as a result of such change of classification.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of August, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

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No. 479

AN ACT

Authorizing the State Treasurer under certain conditions to transfer sums of money between the General Fund and certain funds and subsequent transfers of equal sums between such funds, and making appropriations necessary to effect such transfers.

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

Governor authorized to transfer cash sums between certain funds for prompt payment of Commonwealth expenses.

Section 1. Whenever the Governor shall ascertain that the cash balance and the current estimated receipts of either the General Fund or of any of the following enumerated funds: Banking Department Fund, Milk Control Fund, State Farm Products Show Fund, Oil and Gas Lease Fund, Special Disaster Relief Fund, Historical Preservation Fund, Anthracite Strip Mining Fund, Bituminous Coal Open Pit Mining Reclamation Fund, Special Administration Fund, Feed and Fertilizer Fund, State Harness Racing Fund, Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, Liquor License Fund, Fire Insurance Tax Fund, or Pennsylvania Fair Fund—shall be insufficient at any time during any fiscal period to meet promptly the expenses of the Commonwealth payable from such fund, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed, from time to time during such fiscal period, to transfer to the General Fund if the same be deficient from one or more of the enumerated funds or to any of the enumerated funds if such be deficient from the General Fund, as the case may be, such sums as the Governor shall direct. Any sum so transferred shall be available for the purposes for which the fund to which they are transferred is appropriated by law. Such transfers shall be made hereunder upon warrant of the Auditor General upon requisition of the Governor.

Limitation of time for reimbursement of fund from which transferred.

Section 2. In order to reimburse the fund from which moneys are transferred under section 1 hereof, an amount equal to that transferred from such fund during any fiscal period under section 1 of this act shall be retransferred to such fund from the other fund in such amounts and at such times as the Governor shall direct, but in no event later than thirty days after the end of such fiscal period. Such transfers shall be made by the State Treasurer upon warrant of the Auditor General upon requisition of the Governor.

General appropriation for transfer.

Section 3. The moneys in the General Fund and in the other funds enumerated in section 1 hereof are hereby specifically appropriated for transfer from time to time as provided for in this act.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of August, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 480

AN ACT

Authorizing municipalities and townships to appropriate money to improve or equip State property located within its boundaries.

Municipalities and townships.

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