

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

Section 1. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to accept on behalf of the Commonwealth free and clear of all liens and encumbrances the gift of the real property known as the Chillisquaque School House, in West Chillisquaque Township, Northumberland County, as an unusually fine example of the early octagonal or eight-sided school building.

Section 2. The title to the said real estate shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and shall before its acquisition be approved by the Department of Justice.

Section 3. Upon acquiring the property aforesaid, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall have full control, management and supervision thereof, and shall have power to adopt and carry into effect plans for the restoration, improvement and maintenance of the property, and to make and enforce rules and regulations for the preservation of the property and the visitation thereof by the public.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 16th day of November, A. D. 1967.

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No. 242

AN ACT

HB 1115

Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 955), entitled, as amended, "An act to promote public health, safety, morals, and welfare by declaring the necessity of creating public bodies, corporate and politic, to be known as housing authorities to engage in slum clearance, and to undertake projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for persons of low income; providing for the organization of such housing authorities; defining their powers and duties; providing for the exercise of such powers, including the acquisition of property by purchase, gift or eminent domain, the renting and selling of property, and including borrowing money, issuing bonds, and other obligations, and giving security therefor; prescribing the remedies of obligees of housing authorities; authorizing housing authorities to enter into agreements, including agreements with the United States, the Commonwealth, and political subdivisions and municipalities thereof; defining the application of zoning, sanitary, and building laws and regulations to projects built or maintained by such housing authorities; exempting the property and securities of such housing authorities from taxation; and imposing duties and conferring powers upon the State Planning Board, and certain other State officers and departments," providing for dissolution of housing authorities and validating dissolutions heretofore made.

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

Section 1. Clause (g) of section 3, act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 955), known as the "Housing Authorities Law," amended May 20, 1949 (P. L. 1614), is amended to read:

Section 3. Definitions.—The following words, terms, and phrases, where used or referred to in this act, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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(g) "Field of Operation." The area within the territorial boundaries of the city or county for which the particular housing authority is created: Provided, however, That the field of operation of any county authority, except as hereinafter provided, shall not include a city [having a housing authority in existence at the inception of a project.], unless its authority has never been authorized to function pursuant to section 4, or, if authorized to function, has ceased to do so pursuant to section 4.1 of this act. For the purposes of section 14.1 of this act only, "field of operation" shall also include any county, city, borough or incorporated town, or any portion thereof not included in said area, in which the housing authority exercises its powers under the provisions of section 14.1 of this act.

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Section 2. The act is amended by adding after section 4, two new sections to read:

Section 4.1. Dissolution of City Authorities.—If a city authority has never issued any bonds, or incurred any other debts or contractual obligations, or has paid and has been released from and discharged of all debts and bonded, contractual and other obligations, the governing body of the city may, after three years from the date of the certificate described in subsection (e) of section 4, or earlier if a proper resolution of the authority requests the action hereinafter described, find and declare by proper resolution that its functions can be more properly carried out by a county authority and that there is no longer any need for the authority created for such city to function. In such case the governing body shall issue a certificate reciting the adoption of such resolution, and shall cause such certificate to be filed with the Department of State and two duplicates thereof with the Department of Community Affairs. Upon such filing the city authority shall cease to function, and title to any assets held by

the authority at that time shall pass to the city. A copy of the certificate described in this section shall be admissible in any suit, action or proceeding and shall be conclusive proof that the authority has ceased to be in existence.

Section 4.2. Dissolution of County Authorities.—If a county authority has never issued any bonds, or incurred any other debts or contractual obligations, or has paid and has been released from and discharged of all debts and bonded, contractual and other obligations, the governing body of the county may, after three years from the date of the certificate described in subsection (e) of section 4, or earlier if a proper resolution of the authority requests the action hereinafter described, find and declare by proper resolution that there is no longer any need for the authority created for such county to function. In such case the governing body shall issue a certificate reciting the adoption of such resolution, and shall cause such certificate to be filed with the Department of State and two duplicates thereof with the Department of Community Affairs. Upon such filing the county authority shall cease to function, and title to any assets held by the authority at that time shall pass to the county. A copy of the certificate described in this section shall be admissible in any suit, action or proceeding and shall be conclusive proof that the authority has ceased to be in existence.

Section 3. Dissolutions of any authority heretofore made in substantial compliance with the terms of this act are hereby validated.

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