

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 182

Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY MR. J. L. WRIGHT, FEBRUARY 9, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 9, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled
2 "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth,
3 sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising,
4 consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto,"
5 further authorizing county commissioners to make grants or
6 appropriations to historical societies and further providing
7 for appropriations to certain fire departments and volunteer
8 fire companies.

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

11 Section 1. Section 1929, act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323,
12 No.130), known as "The County Code," amended July 31, 1968
13 (P.L.1026, No.307), is amended to read:

14 Section 1929. Payment to Historical Societies.--The board of
15 commissioners may pay, out of the county funds not otherwise
16 appropriated, a sum of money not exceeding [six thousand dollars
17 (\$6,000)] ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually to the county
18 historical society to assist in paying the running expenses
19 thereof. If there is more than one such society in the county,
20 such payment may be made only to the oldest society. Where any
21 such society is comprised of residents of more than one county,

1 the commissioners of said respective counties may jointly pay
2 said sum in such proportion as they shall agree.

3 No such appropriation shall be renewed until vouchers have
4 been filed with the commissioners showing that the appropriation
5 for any prior year has been expended for the purpose herein
6 designated.

7 Section 2. The section heading and section 1951 of the act
8 are amended to read:

9 Section 1951. [Counties of Seventh and Eighth Classes;]
10 Appropriations to [Borough] Fire Departments and Volunteer Fire
11 Companies.--The board of county commissioners of any county [of
12 the seventh or eighth class] may appropriate annually, [except
13 as hereinafter provided,] a sum not in excess of [six hundred
14 dollars (\$600),] ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to [the] any
15 fire department [of any borough in the county] or to any
16 volunteer fire company located within [a borough in] said county
17 which actually [give] gives fire protection to approximately all
18 parts of the county, or may appropriate [up to one-half of such
19 amount to each of two such departments or two such companies or
20 one such] a lesser sum of money to any department [and one such]
21 or company when [each] it gives fire protection to
22 [approximately one-half of] an area which is less than the
23 entire county. All moneys appropriated to any such fire
24 department or fire company shall be used for the purchase,
25 maintenance and repair of fire fighting equipment. [This section
26 shall not authorize the appropriation of any money to any fire
27 department or fire company which receives contributions or
28 appropriations from any township in the county.]

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.