

COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, ENCOURAGEMENT
Act of May 21, 1901, P.L. 274, No. 182
AN ACT

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To encourage county historical societies.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act, the commissioners' board of the respective counties of this Commonwealth may, in its discretion, pay out of the county funds not otherwise appropriated, and upon proper vouchers being given, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, annually, to the historical society of said county, to assist in paying the running expenses thereof. Where such a society is comprised of residents of more than one county, the commissioners of said respective counties may jointly pay said sum in such proportion as they shall agree.

(1 amended May 1, 1919, P.L.101, No.77)

Section 2. In order to entitle the said historical society to the said appropriation, the following conditions shall have been first complied with: The money shall be paid to the oldest society in each county, if there be more than one; it shall have been organized at least three years; incorporated by the proper authority, and have an active membership of one hundred persons, each of whom shall have paid into the treasury of said society a membership fee of at least two dollars for the support of the same: And provided further, That no appropriation under this act shall be renewed until vouchers shall be first filed with the board of county commissioners, showing that the appropriation for the prior year shall have been expended for the purpose designated by this act.

Section 3. And be it further enacted, that to entitle said society to receive said appropriation it shall hold at least two public meetings yearly, whereat papers shall be read or discussions held on historic subjects; that it shall have established a museum, wherein shall be deposited curios and other objects of interest relating to the history of county or State, and shall have adopted a constitution and code of by-laws, and elected proper officers to conduct its business.