
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 917 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY SCHMITT, DIAMOND, RYAN, KAUFFMAN, RIGBY, IRVIN,
PICKETT, ZIMMERMAN, NEILSON, KEEFER, GROVE, MASSER AND
GILLEN, MARCH 25, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 25, 2019

AN ACT

1 Repealing the act of May 17, 1929 (P.L.1805, No.598), entitled
2 "An act authorizing municipalities other than townships to
3 acquire by gift, devise, or bequest, lands, chattels,
4 securities and funds for the establishment and maintenance of
5 a hospital; to appoint trustees of such property and funds,
6 subject to the approval of the orphans' court; to operate and
7 maintain such hospital through and by means of such trustees;
8 and to expend municipal funds to aid in the establishment and
9 maintenance of such hospital."

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

12 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1929 (P.L.1805, No.598),
13 entitled "An act authorizing municipalities other than townships
14 to acquire by gift, devise, or bequest, lands, chattels,
15 securities and funds for the establishment and maintenance of a
16 hospital; to appoint trustees of such property and funds,
17 subject to the approval of the orphans' court; to operate and
18 maintain such hospital through and by means of such trustees;
19 and to expend municipal funds to aid in the establishment and
20 maintenance of such hospital," is repealed:

21 [AN ACT]

1 Authorizing municipalities other than townships to acquire by
2 gift, devise, or bequest, lands, chattels, securities and
3 funds for the establishment and maintenance of a hospital; to
4 appoint trustees of such property and funds, subject to the
5 approval of the orphans' court; to operate and maintain such
6 hospital through and by means of such trustees; and to expend
7 municipal funds to aid in the establishment and maintenance
8 of such hospital.

9 Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That any municipality, other
10 than townships, shall have power to acquire by gift, devise or
11 bequest, lands, chattels, securities and funds for the
12 establishment and maintenance of a hospital, for the purposes of
13 caring for the sick and injured residents of such municipality
14 and the vicinity thereof, and, for such purposes, to appropriate
15 and expend money of the municipality: Provided, That the poor
16 residents of such municipality shall receive free treatment, to
17 the extent that it is possible to provide for same with the
18 means available. Such hospital, or any ward therein, may be
19 named in accord with the wishes of any person making a
20 substantial donation thereto by will or otherwise.

21 Section 2. Said gifts, devises, bequests and appropriated
22 funds shall be under the supervision of a board of trustees, to
23 be appointed by the governing body of such municipality,
24 consisting of at least nine trustees, three of whom shall be
25 members of such governing body, three of whom shall be licensed
26 and practicing physicians in such municipality and the vicinity
27 thereof, and the remainder of which board shall consist of
28 residents of such municipality and vicinity thereof. Said
29 appointments shall at all times be made subject to the approval
30 of the orphans' court of the county in which said municipality

1 is situated; and said board of trustees shall at all times be
2 subject to the resolutions of the governing body of such
3 municipality and the jurisdiction of said court, which shall
4 have power to remove any of them upon petition of such
5 municipality. Any vacancy in such board may be filled by a new
6 appointment in manner aforesaid. Said board of trustees shall
7 make reasonable rules for the management of such hospital, and
8 appoint and remove the physicians, surgeons, nurses and other
9 employes necessary for the conduct thereof.

10 Section 3. This act shall not repeal or annul any special
11 act heretofore passed having reference to the operation of
12 municipal hospitals in any particular community.]

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.