

Census.

1. Compensation to assessors.
2. Accounts how audited and paid.
3. Repealer.

A further supplement to "An act in relation to the census or enumeration of the inhabitants of this state," approved March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Approved March 16, 1876. P. L. 1876, p. 55.

WHEREAS, the duties of the assessors of the several townships and wards of this state, in taking the census of population as required by the act to which this is a supplement, were increased without providing adequate compensation; and whereas, the boards of freeholders or supervisors have heretofore allowed additional compensation in most of the counties; and whereas, doubts have arisen as to the legality of such allowances; and whereas, it is desirable to remove all doubts and equalize the compensation allowed; therefore,

1. That the assessors of the several townships and wards of this state, shall be allowed for taking the decennial state census in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the census of each tenth year hereafter, three cents per name for each inhabitant so enumerated.
2. That the accounts of the assessors for the work done under this act, shall be audited and paid as now required by law.
3. That the thirteenth section of the act to which this is a further supplement, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Certiorari.

1. When report or return of assessment, &c., may be amended on certiorari.
2. Costs in such cases in discretion of court.

A supplement to an act entitled "An act relative to the writ of certiorari.

Approved February 24, 1876. P. L. 1876, p. 20.

1. That in all cases of writs of *certiorari* brought to remove any tax or assessment or other order or proceeding, touching any local or public improvement, when reasons for reversal are filed, founded on any omission or defect in the return of said assessment or proceeding which, in the opinion of the court out of which said *certiorari* is issued, may be supplied by a new or supplemental certificate of the commissioners or other person making such return, it shall be lawful for the said court, on the application of either party to said writ of *certiorari*, or on their own motion at any time before said writ of *certiorari* shall be finally determined, to grant a rule upon the commissioners or other persons making such assessment, to certify to said court touching such omission or defect, and to stay the final determination of such cause for a reasonable time, until said rule shall be returned to said court; and if it shall appear by the return of said commissioners, or a majority of them to said rule, that their action or determination in respect of which said reason for reversal is filed was really had, made, or taken by said commissioners in making said assessment, and was accidentally or inadvertently omitted from their said return or report of assessment, the return of said commissioners or other persons to said rule shall have the same force and effect as if the facts therein certified had been contained in the said original report or return; and said original report or return shall be considered as amended by said return to said rule.
2. That in all such cases it shall be lawful for the court to take such action respecting the costs of said writ of *certiorari* as it shall deem equitable and just, whether the proceeding reviewed by said *certiorari* shall be affirmed or set aside.