

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. **769** Session of
1919.

INTRODUCED BY MR. McKAY, MARCH 4, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY SPECIAL,
MARCH 5, 1919.

AN ACT

Fixing the penalty for murder of the first degree and vesting certain discretionary powers in the court and in the jury in connection therewith

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 every person convicted of the crime of murder of the
5 first degree his aiders abettors and counsellors shall be
6 sentenced to suffer death in the manner provided by law
7 or to undergo imprisonment for life The jury trying the
8 case shall fix the penalty by its verdict and the court
9 shall impose the penalty so fixed as in other cases In
10 case of a plea of guilty the court where it determines
11 the crime to be murder of the first degree shall in
12 its discretion impose sentence of death or imprisonment for
13 life