

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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1919.

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MARCH 19, 1919.

AN ACT

Making it not to be unlawful for men and women to organize to carry out collectively any purpose not illegal when done singly denying a judge or judges the right to issue an injunction in a labor dispute unless to prevent irreparable injury to property to prevent picketing exclusive dealing payment of strike or other benefits and providing that no person shall be indicted or tried in any court for entering into any agreement between themselves with a view to lessening the hours of labor increasing wages or bettering the conditions of workingmen

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 *it shall not be unlawful for workingmen and women to*
5 *organize themselves into or carry on labor unions for the*
6 *purpose of lessening the hours of labor or increasing the*

1 wages or bettering the condition of the members of such
2 organization or carrying out their legitimate purposes as
3 freely as they could do if acting singly

4 Section 2 No restraining order or injunction shall be
5 granted by any court of this State or any judge or
6 judges thereof in any case involving or growing out of
7 a dispute concerning terms or conditions of employment
8 unless necessary to prevent irreparable injury to property
9 or to a property right of the party making the ap-
10 plication for which injury there is no adequate remedy
11 at law and such property or property right must be
12 described with particularity in the application which must
13 be in writing and sworn to by the applicant or by
14 his agent or attorney

15 Section 3 No restraining order or injunction shall
16 prohibit any person or persons whether singly or in
17 concert from terminating any relation of employment or
18 from ceasing to perform any work or labor or from
19 recommending advising or persuading others so to do or
20 from attending at any place where any person or per-
21 sons may lawfully be for the purpose of obtaining or
22 communicating information or from persuading any such
23 person to work or to ~~abstain~~ from working or from
24 ceasing to patronize any party to such dispute or from
25 recommending advising or persuading others so to do or
26 from paying or giving to or withholding from any per-
27 son engaged in such dispute any strike benefits or other
28 moneys or things of value or from assembling in a law-
29 ful manner and for lawful purposes or from doing any

1 act or thing which might lawfully be done in the ab-
2 sence of such dispute by a single individual nor shall
3 any of the acts specified in this section be considered
4 or held to be illegal or unlawful in any court of this
5 State

6 Section 4 That the labor of a human being is not
7 a commodity or article of commerce and the right to
8 enter into the relation of employer and employe or to
9 change that relation or to assume and create a new
10 relation for employer and employe or to perform and
11 carry on business with any person in any place or to
12 do work and labor as an employe shall be held and
13 construed to be a personal and not a property right
14 In all cases involving the violation of the contract of
15 employment either by the employe or employer where no
16 irreparable damage is about to be committed upon the
17 property or property right of either no injunction shall
18 be granted but the parties shall be left to their remedy
19 at law

20 Section 5 No person shall be indicted prosecuted or
21 tried in any court of this State for entering into or
22 carrying on any arrangement agreement or combination be-
23 tween themselves made with a view of lessening the
24 number of hours of labor or increasing wages or better-
25 ing the condition of workingmen or for any act done
26 in pursuance thereof unless such act is in itself for-
27 bidden by law if done by ~~a single individual~~