

## No. 21.

## AN ACT

Amending section 4 of the act, entitled "An act regulating the practice, bail, costs, and fees on appeals to the Supreme Court and Superior Court," approved the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-seven), by providing a shorter period within which to appeal in cases where loss and hardship would otherwise result to the estates of decedents.

Appeals.

To Superior or Supreme Courts.

Section 4, act of May 19, 1897 (P. L. 67), amended.

Time.

General rule.

Appeals from adjudication of wills.

From Superior to Supreme Court.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section four of the act, entitled "An act regulating the practice, bail, costs, and fees on appeals to the Supreme Court and Superior Court," approved the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-seven), is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Section 4. No appeal shall be allowed in any case unless taken within six calendar months from the entry of the sentence, order, judgment, or decree appealed from, nor shall an appeal supersede an execution issued or distribution order, unless taken and perfected, and bail entered in the manner herein prescribed within three weeks from such entry. *No appeal shall be allowed from any adjudication relating to the validity of any last will and testament where the trial court shall certify that delay will cause hardship and loss to the estate of the decedent, unless so taken and perfected within thirty days from filing proof of notice of such certificate to the party or to counsel of record for the party whose time for appeal is thus limited.* An appeal from the Superior Court to the Supreme Court must be taken and perfected within three calendar months from the entry of the order, judgment or decree of the Superior Court. Appeals taken after the times herein provided for shall be quashed on motion. [Provided, That in civil cases in which the right of appeal to the Superior Court has now expired, an appeal may be taken and perfected within three months after this act goes into effect.]

APPROVED—The 22d day of March A. D. 1923.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.