

## No. 13.

## AN ACT

To validate acts done, and contracts, conveyances, transfers, and mortgages of property, made to, or by any corporation of the first class, created, or intended to be created, by decree of the courts of common pleas; granting a charter where the applicants for incorporation had failed to register its proposed name as required by law, and to validate charters of corporations of the first class granted since the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, where there was a failure to register the name or title of the proposed corporation at the time of filing its application for a charter as required by law; providing for the subsequent filing of such registration; and providing for the amendment of names or titles of such corporations in certain cases.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That where, heretofore, any act has been done, or contract, transfer, conveyance, or mortgage of any property been made to, or by any corporation of the first class after the granting of a charter by decree of any court of common pleas of this Commonwealth, where the applicants for incorporation had failed to register with the Secretary of the Commonwealth its proposed name and address prior to the granting of such charter, as required by the provisions of the act approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred forty-six), entitled "An act to provide for the registration and protection of names, titles, or designations of associations, societies, orders, foundations, federations, organizations, and corporations of the first class," all such acts, contracts, transfers, conveyances, and mortgages shall be deemed and taken to be valid and effectual for all purposes, as if the name of the corporation had been registered as required by law: Provided, This act shall not apply to cases now in litigation.

Failure of applicants for incorporation to register.

Validation.

Section 2. That all charters of incorporation, or supplements and amendments thereto, heretofore granted by any of the courts of common pleas of this Commonwealth to applicants for incorporation who failed to register with the Secretary of the Commonwealth the name and address of the proposed corporation at the time of filing their applications for a charter, as required by the provisions of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred forty-six), entitled "An act to provide for the registration and protection of names, titles, or designations of associations, societies, orders, foundations, federations, organizations, and corporations of the first class," shall

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be and hereby are validated and confirmed, so that said charters shall have the same force and legal effect as if the applicants for incorporation had complied with all the requirements of law relative to the registration of their proposed names and addresses: Provided, however, that any corporation, before deriving the benefits of this section, shall file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth within one year after the approval of this act an application for registration of the name and address of such corporation, setting forth the date of its incorporation; and, if the name of such corporation does not conflict with any other name, title, or designation duly registered according to law, it shall be registered, and a certificate of such registration shall be filed with the records of the court which granted the charter; and such registration shall have the same force and effect as though made at the time, or times, required by law: Provided, also, That, in the event the name of such corporation is similar to, or so nearly resembling the name, title, or designation of any association, society, order, foundation, federation, organization, or corporation duly registered according to law that it cannot be properly registered or used by the corporation,—and such prior registration is not withdrawn by such other association, society, order, foundation, federation, organization, or corporation,—such corporation shall be entitled to have its name or title amended by application to the court of common pleas which granted the charter, in the manner now provided by law for the amendment of a charter; and a decree granting a change of name of such corporation, where the new name or title has been duly registered as required by law, shall have the effect to validate, confirm, and create such association as a corporation in deed and in law with full force and effect, as if said association had originally complied with all the requirements of law as to registration of its proposed name and title.

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APPROVED—The 5th day of March, A. D 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 11.

AN ACT

Ratifying and confirming the action of the Department of Welfare in classifying the Wernersville State Hospital as a hospital for the care and treatment of the indigent insane.

Wernersville State  
Hospital.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the action of the Department of Welfare, in constituting the Wernersville State Hospital an institution for the care and