

No. 258.

AN ACT

To regulate the speed of locomotive engines on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, within the limits of the borough of Reading.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any engineer of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad company, having charge of any locomotive cars whatsoever, running on the said road, to go faster than at the rate of three miles an hour, between Bingham and Walnut streets, in the borough of Reading; and if any such engineer shall violate this act, by running faster than as aforesaid, he shall, upon conviction thereof, before any judge or justice of the peace within the borough of Reading, aforesaid, pay a fine, to be imposed by such magistrate, of not less than five dollars, nor more than ten dollars, for every such offence and conviction, for the use of the commonwealth; and on failure to pay the same, shall undergo an imprisonment in the jail of the county of Berks, for a period of not less than five, nor more than twenty days, and shall also pay the costs of prosecution.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 259.

AN ACT

For the removal of causes from the district court of the counties of Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango and Warren, to the courts of common pleas.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the records and papers of the district courts of the counties of Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango and Warren, be and they are hereby removed to the courts of common pleas of the counties respectively, and shall be considered, to all intents and purposes, as records and papers

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of the said courts of common pleas respectively, and that all suits, judgments, liens, recognizances and other matters of the said district courts, may be proceeded on in all respects as if they had been originally commenced in the said courts of common pleas, and had remained therein.

SECTION 2. The said courts of common pleas, shall have jurisdiction *Jurisdiction.* in as full and ample a manner over said suits, judgments, liens and other matters, and over all controversies and proceedings cognizable by the said district courts, as the said district courts had; and the powers and jurisdiction of the said district courts, are hereby transferred to and vested in the said courts of common pleas.

SECTION 3. All liens existing in said district courts, shall be in no *Liens.* wise impaired or effected by the expiration of the term fixed by law for the continuance of the said district court, but the same shall be valid and have priority according to their dates, as liens of the said courts of common pleas.

SECTION 4. In order to avoid the necessity of holding special courts, *District court* and to provide for closing the unfinished business of the district courts *continued.* of Erie and Crawford counties, the act entitled "An Act to establish a district court in the counties of Erie, Crawford and Venango," passed the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, and the several supplements thereto, be and the same are hereby revived and re-enacted for the period of one year, from the passage of this act, and all suits and questions depending in the courts of common pleas of said counties of Mercer, Erie and Crawford, in which the president judge of the courts of common pleas or orphans' court, was interested in as counsel or otherwise, shall be tried and determined in the said district courts, in the same manner as provided by law in case of special courts; and the first, second and third sections of this act, shall not take effect, so far as relates to the counties of Mercer, Erie and Crawford, until the expiration of one year from the passage of this act; and the judge of said district court shall direct the number of persons, not less than twenty-four nor more than thirty-six, that shall be summoned to serve as jurors at any term of said court.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.