

No. 463

AN ACT

Regulating the registration and enrollment of voters in boroughs and townships before the primary election.

Elections.

Enrollment of voters in boroughs and townships by county commissioners.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That persons otherwise qualified to vote at any primary election in any borough or township, except by registration or enrollment, shall be entitled to register and enroll as a member of a political party with the county commissioners at any time at least ten days before such primary election. The county commissioners shall, in such cases, register and enroll any such person as an elector of his or her proper election district in the same manner as electors are registered and enrolled by registry assessors.

Repeal.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 11th day of May, A. D. 1927.

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AN ACT

To amend section four as amended, and section twelve of an act, approved the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-seven), entitled "An act regulating the practice, bail, costs, and fees on appeals to the Supreme Court and Superior Court"; fixing the time within which appeals may be allowed and heard; and regulating the effect of, and procedure in, certain appeals.

Appeals to Supreme Court and Superior Court.

Section 4 of act of May 19, 1897 (P. L. 67), as amended by act of March 12, 1925 (P. L. 32) further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section four of an act, approved the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-seven), entitled "An act regulating the practice, bail, costs, and fees on appeals to the Supreme Court and Superior Court," which was last amended by an act, approved the twelfth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, thirty-two), entitled "An act to amend section four of an act, approved the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-seven), entitled 'An act regulating the practice, bail, costs, and appeals to the Supreme Court and Superior Court,' as amended, fixing the time within which appeals may be allowed," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Time.

From common pleas or orphans' court.

Section 4. No appeal shall be allowed in any case from an order, judgment, or decree of any court of common pleas or orphans' court, unless taken within three calendar months from the entry of the [sentence] order, judgment, or decree appealed from, nor shall an appeal supersede an

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execution issued or distribution ordered, 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.] *No appeal shall be allowed, in any case, from a sentence or order of any court of quarter sessions or oyer and terminer, unless taken within forty-five days from the entry of the sentence or order.* An appeal from the Superior Court to the Supreme Court must be taken and perfected within [three calendar months] *forty-five days* 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 the limitation of [three calendar months] *forty-five days*, provided for by this amendment, *for an appeal from an order or sentence of a court of quarter sessions or oyer and terminer*, shall apply only to cases in which the sentence, order, judgment, or decree appealed from is entered after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-[five] *seven*. Appeals from sentences, orders, judgments, or decrees, entered prior to the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-[five] *seven*, shall be allowed if taken within [six] *three* calendar months from the date of the entry of such sentence, order, judgment, or decree as heretofore provided.

From quarter sessions or oyer and terminer.

From Superior Court to Supreme Court.

Quashing appeals.

Proviso.

Section 2. That section twelve of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 12 amended

Section 12. In appeals from judgments and decrees in mandamus, quo warranto, contested election cases, from sentences in criminal proceedings and all other classes of cases not herein otherwise provided for, the appeal shall not operate as a supersedeas, unless so ordered by the court below or the appellate court or any judge thereof either by general rule or special order, and upon such terms as may be required by the court or judge granting the order of supersedeas: *Provided, however, That in capital offenses an appeal shall stay execution of sentence of death, where such sentence has been imposed: And provided also, That an appeal taken in a criminal case shall be returnable to the Supreme or Superior Court, as the case may be, and the return day and time of argument of appeals, taken in criminal cases to the Supreme or Superior Court, shall be fixed by the said courts, respectively, by general rules or special orders.*

Certain appeals operate as a supersedeas only when so ordered.

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