

weighing and testing of milk and cream; providing for notices to parties affected by tests; providing for sales by butterfat test; and empowering the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt rules and regulations.”

Section 1302. Effective Date.—This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment. When effective.

APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 106

AN ACT

Increasing the number of courts of common pleas in the County of Philadelphia; establishing therein a distinct and separate court of common pleas designated court of common pleas number seven; and providing for the election and appointment of judges for said court.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That there shall be and hereby is established in the County of Philadelphia a distinct and separate court of common pleas to be designated court of common pleas number seven of Philadelphia County, composed of three judges learned in the law, who shall hold office for the same term and with like powers, duties, authority and compensation, and with like and equal constitution and coordinate jurisdiction with courts of common pleas numbers one, two, three, four, five, and six of said county and the judges thereof, respectively.

Common pleas court No. 7 created in Philadelphia County.

Section 2. Three judges of the said court of common pleas number seven of Philadelphia County, learned in the law, shall be elected by the duly qualified electors of said county at the next municipal election in November, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, and the three candidates who then receive the highest vote shall be declared elected, one of said judges, to be designated as required by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, shall be president judge of said court. Said judges shall be duly commissioned as judges aforesaid and shall enter upon the discharge of their duties respectively, on the first Monday of January next following their election. The successors of said judges, respectively, shall be elected or appointed as required by law.

Three judges of the court to be elected at the municipal election in 1937 to be commissioned on the first Monday of January, 1938.

Section 3. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint three competent persons, learned in the law, as judges of said court until the first Monday of January succeeding the next municipal election, one of whom shall be designated as president judge for said period.

Governor to appoint 3 judges to serve until first Monday of January, 1938.

Section 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

When effective.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 107

AN ACT

Creating a court of record for the County of Philadelphia to be known as the Family Court; conferring, defining, prescribing and regulating the jurisdiction and powers of said court and of the judges thereof and prescribing the procedure therein; providing for the appointment, election and salaries of the judges of said court, and for the appointment of the officers, clerks and employes thereof; providing for the costs and expenses thereof; providing for the transfer to said court of the jurisdiction in certain proceedings now vested in the orphans' court, the municipal court of Philadelphia and other courts, and for the transfer of certain actions pending in said courts; and repealing existing laws.

The Family Court.

Purpose of the act is to secure uniform administration of matters relating to the family.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That—

Purposes and Basic Principles.—The basic purpose and principle of this act is to secure uniform administration in one court of matters pertaining to family relations and to secure for each child under its jurisdiction, such guidance, care, custody and control, preferably in his own home or by placement, as will serve the home or the child's welfare and the best interests of the Commonwealth.

The principle is hereby recognized that children under the jurisdiction of the court are wards of the Commonwealth, subject to the discipline and entitled to the protection of the Commonwealth, which may intervene to safeguard them from neglect and injury and to enforce the legal obligations due to them and from them.

Act to be liberally construed.

Section 2. Construction of Act.—This act shall be liberally construed to accomplish the purposes herein declared.

Family Court created.

Section 3. Family Court Created; General Powers.—There is hereby created in the judicial district composed of the County of Philadelphia, a court of record, to be known as the "Family Court." The court shall consist of four judges, learned in the law. The Family Court shall have all the powers of a court of record possessed by the courts of common pleas and quarter sessions of the peace.

Court to consist of 4 judges.

Judge of Family Court eligible to sit as common pleas court judge.

Any judge or judges of the Family Court, when called upon by the president judge of any of the courts of common pleas of the first judicial district, but without interference with the proper conduct of the business