

No. 345

## AN ACT

Concerning actions for libel, slander or other torts; barring certain actions; regulating the recovery of damages; and making uniform the law with reference thereto.

Uniform Single  
Publication Act.

No person to  
have more than  
one cause of  
action for  
damages for libel  
or slander  
founded upon a  
single  
publication.

Certain actions  
barred.

Interpretation  
of act.

Short title.

Act not  
retroactive.

Act effective  
immediately.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. No person shall have more than one cause of action for damages for libel or slander, or invasion of privacy, or any other tort founded upon any single publication, or exhibition, or utterance, such as any one edition of a newspaper, or book, or magazine, or any one presentation to an audience, or any one broadcast over radio or television, or any one exhibition of a motion picture. Recovery in any action shall include all damages for any such tort suffered by the plaintiff in all jurisdictions.

Section 2. A judgment in any jurisdiction for or against the plaintiff upon the substantive merits of any action for damages founded upon a single publication, or exhibition, or utterance, as described in section one, shall bar any other action for damages by the same plaintiff against the same defendant founded upon the same publication, or exhibition, or utterance.

Section 3. This act shall be so interpreted as to effectuate its purpose to make uniform the law of those states or jurisdictions which enact it.

Section 4. This act may be cited as the Uniform Single Publication Act.

Section 5. This act shall not be retroactive as to causes of action existing on its effective date.

Section 6. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 346

## AN ACT

To amend the last paragraph of subsection A of section 1 of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1145), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school districts of the second class, school districts of the third class and school districts of the fourth class to levy, assess, and collect or to provide for the levying, assessment and collec-

tion of certain additional taxes subject to maximum limitations for general revenue purposes; authorizing the establishment of bureaus and the appointment and compensation of officers and employes to assess and collect such taxes; and permitting penalties to be imposed and enforced; providing an appeal from the ordinance or resolution levying such taxes to the court of quarter sessions and to the Supreme Court and Superior Court," by prescribing the effect of certain ordinances and resolutions passed prior to the effective date of this act.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Taxation.

Section 1. The last paragraph of subsection A of section 1 of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1145), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school districts of the second class, school districts of the third class and school districts of the fourth class to levy, assess, and collect or to provide for the levying, assessment and collection of certain additional taxes subject to maximum limitations for general revenue purposes; authorizing the establishment of bureaus and the appointment and compensation of officers and employes to assess and collect such taxes; and permitting penalties to be imposed and enforced; providing an appeal from the ordinance or resolution levying such taxes to the court of quarter sessions and to the Supreme Court and Superior Court," which was added by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 234, Act Number 31), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Last paragraph of subsection A of section 1, act of June 25, 1947, P. L. 1145, which was added by act of May 27, 1953, P. L. 234, Act No. 31, amended.

Section 1. A. Delegation of Taxing Powers and Restrictions Thereon.—

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Every ordinance or resolution which imposes a tax under the authority of this act shall impose such tax for one year only and shall be passed or adopted, if for a school district, during the period other school taxes are required by law to be levied and assessed by such district. Each ordinance and resolution shall state that it is enacted under the authority of the act of June twenty-fifth, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1145) and its amendments. *Any ordinance or resolution now in effect which imposed any such tax for a period of more than one year shall remain in effect, and the taxes imposed by such ordinance or resolution shall be collected for the current tax year only.*

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

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