

though made in full observance of all requirements of law, provided that the petition and decree for such adoption were otherwise in accordance with law.

Act effective
January 1, 1954.

Section 7. The provisions of this act shall become effective the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four.

APPROVED—The 26th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 401

AN ACT

To amend section four hundred one of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by making it a felony for any person undergoing imprisonment to participate in any riot, rout, assembly or affray, and fixing the penalty therefor.

"The Penal
Code."

Section 401, act
of June 24, 1939,
P. L. 872,
amended.

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

Section 1. Section four hundred one of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 401. *Riots, Routs, Assemblies, and Affrays.—Whoever participates in any riot, rout, unlawful assembly or affray, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment not **exceeding three (3) years, which imprisonment may be at separate or solitary confinement at labor, or to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

Whoever participates in any riot, rout, unlawful assembly or affray, while undergoing imprisonment in any penal or correctional institution located in this Commonwealth, is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment by separate and solitary confinement at labor not exceeding ten (10) years, or to pay a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both.

Act effective im-
mediately.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 29th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

* "Riots, Routs, Assemblies, and Affrays" omitted in original.
** "exceeding" in original.