

## No. 65

## AN ACT

Amending the act of May 2, 1925 (P. L. 448), entitled "An act relating to fish; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating to fish in the inland waters and the boundary lakes and boundary rivers of the Commonwealth," requiring that violations of the act or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder be prosecuted before certain specified magistrates, aldermen or justices of the peace.

The Fish Law  
of 1925.

Sections 271 and  
277, act of May  
2, 1925, P. L.  
448, amended.

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

Section 1. Sections 271 and 277, act of May 2, 1925 (P. L. 448), known as "The Fish Law of 1925," are amended to read:

Section 271. Apprehension and Production before Magistrate.—Such officers are authorized and required to apprehend and arrest and immediately take any person guilty of any violation of this act before [any] *the nearest available* alderman, magistrate, or justice of the peace *within the city, borough, incorporated town or township in the county where the alleged violation occurred, or if there is no person holding the office of magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace in such city, borough, incorporated town or township, then before the nearest available magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace in any adjoining city, borough, incorporated town or township in such county, who shall forthwith hear and determine such charge in the manner herein provided.*

Section 277. Complaint. Warrant. Hearing.—*Complaints or informations made under the provisions of this act shall be brought before the nearest available magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace within the city, borough, incorporated town or township in the county where the alleged violation occurred, or if there is no person holding the office of magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace in such city, borough, incorporated town or township, then such complaint or information shall be brought before the nearest available magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace in any adjoining city, borough, incorporated town or township in such county.*

Any alderman, magistrate, or justice of the peace, upon information or complaint made to him by affidavit of one or more persons charging any person with having violated any of the provisions of this act or any of the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Commissioner or the Board, pursuant to this act, is hereby authorized and required to issue his warrant under his hand and seal directed to any constable, peace

officer, or warden, and shall cause such person to be arrested and brought before such alderman, magistrate, or justice of the peace, who shall hear and determine the guilt or innocence of the person or persons so charged.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 66

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," increasing the amount in controversy which may be referred to arbitration.

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

Section 1. Section 8.1, act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," amended July 22, 1955 (P. L. 270), is amended to read: Section 8.1, act of June 16, 1836, P. L. 715, amended July 22, 1955, P. L. 270, further amended.

Section 8.1. The several courts of common pleas may, by rules of court, provide that all cases which are at issue where the amount in controversy shall be [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] *two thousand dollars (\$2,000)* or less, except those involving title to real estate, shall first be submitted to and heard by a board of three (3) members of the bar within the judicial district. Cases which are not at issue and whether or not suit has been filed may be referred to the board of arbitration by agreement \*of reference signed by counsel for both sides in the case. Said agreement of reference shall define the issues involved for determination by the board and, when agreeable, shall also contain stipulations with respect to facts submitted or agreed or defenses waived. In such cases, the agreement of reference shall take the place of the pleadings in the case and be filed of record.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

\* "or" in original.