

No. 186

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 11, 1874 (P. L. 132), entitled "An act relating to payment of costs in cases of felony," providing for payments to constables.

Criminal procedure.

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

Section 1, act of May 11, 1874, P. L. 132, amended August 26, 1953, P. L. 1452, further amended.

Section 1. Section 1, act of May 11, 1874 (P. L. 132), entitled "An act relating to payment of costs in cases of felony," amended August 26, 1953 (P. L. 1452), is amended to read:

County to pay costs of prosecution in certain cases.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the costs of prosecution accruing on all bills of indictments charging a party with felony, ignored by the grand jury, shall be paid by the county; and in all cases of conviction of any felony, all costs shall be paid forthwith by the county, unless the party convicted shall pay the same; and in all cases in which the county pays the costs, it shall have power to levy and collect the same from the party convicted, as costs in similar cases are now collectible: Provided, That all such costs payable by the county to any alderman, [or] justice of the peace *or constable*, inclusive of any costs charged against a county and not against a prosecutor, pursuant to the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred ninety-seven (Pamphlet Laws 89), entitled "An act authorizing and requiring grand and petit juries to dispose of the costs in criminal prosecutions for larceny, where the value of the goods alleged to be stolen is less than ten dollars, and in the prosecutions for assault or assault and battery where felony is charged, and in which the prosecutor had no reasonable ground for making the charge of felony," and its amendments, shall be due and payable to the alderman, [or] justice of the peace *or constable* within thirty days of the end of the calendar month in which transcripts were filed.

County empowered to levy and collect certain costs from party convicted.

Proviso.

Time within which costs payable by county to justices of peace, etc., due and payable.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of June, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 187

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 571), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to assessment for taxation in counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; designating the subjects, property and persons subject to and exempt

from taxation for county, borough, town, township, school, except in cities and county institution district purposes; and providing for and regulating the assessment and valuation thereof for such purposes; creating in each such county a board for the assessment and revision of taxes; defining the powers and duties of such boards; providing for the acceptance of this act by cities; regulating the office of ward, borough, town and township assessors; abolishing the office of assistant triennial assessor in townships of the first class; providing for the appointment of a chief assessor, assistant assessors and other employes; providing for their compensation payable by such counties; prescribing certain duties of and certain fees to be collected by the recorder of deeds and municipal officers who issue building permits; imposing duties on taxables making improvements on land and grantees of land; prescribing penalties; and eliminating the triennial assessment," further regulating duplicates delivered to political subdivisions lying in more than one county and giving them the right to choose which predetermined assessment ratio it shall use for taxation purposes.

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

The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law.

Section 1. The act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 571), known as "The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law," is amended by adding, after section 703.1, a new section to read:

The act of May 21, 1943, P. L. 571, amended by adding a new section 703.2.

Section 703.2. Duplicates for Political Subdivisions Lying in More Than One County; Choice of Assessment Ratio.—Where any political subdivision which uses for taxation purposes the valuations or assessments prepared by the county under the provisions of this act shall lie in more than one county, and the respective counties fix different predetermined ratios for their assessment of property, the political subdivision may levy its taxes on the ratio to actual value used by any one of such counties, notwithstanding the fact that many of the properties so taxed are located in a county using a different ratio.

In such cases, the counties whose ratio is rejected in preparing copies of that portion of their assessment roll which relate to the political subdivisions to which this section applies, shall set forth the additional information showing the actual valuations of properties upon which their assessment ratio is based. This information shall be contained in the copies certified to the political subdivisions with space to the right of each valuation for the entry of the assessed valuation at the predetermined ratio used by the political subdivision and for the entry of all taxes which may be levied thereon.

APPROVED—The 20th day of June, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER