

Orphans' Court
Act of 1951.

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

Last paragraph
of section 301,
act of August 10,
1951, P. L. 1163,
amended
February 10,
1956, P. L. 1022,
further amended.

Section 1. The last paragraph of section 301, act of August 10, 1951 (P. L. 1163), known as the "Orphans' Court Act of 1951," amended February 10, 1956 (P. L. 1022), is amended to read:

Section 301. Exclusive Jurisdiction.—The orphans' court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of:

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The provisions of clauses (8), (15) and 16, in so far as they relate to adoptions *and birth records*, shall not apply to the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia County. Exclusive jurisdiction in the matter of adoptions shall remain in the Municipal Court of Philadelphia, *and the municipal court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all proceedings which may be necessary to be presented to a court for determination with regard to issues concerning recordation of birth and birth records or the alteration, amendment or modification of such birth records or the right to obtain a certified copy of the same. Whenever a resident of Philadelphia is entitled to take an appeal from the action of the Department of Health in connection with any matters concerning birth records, the appeal shall be taken to the Municipal Court of Philadelphia. In all other matters in which a petition is addressed to a court by a resident of Philadelphia in connection with matters of birth records, the filing of which petition is not in the nature of an appeal but is an original proceeding, the petition shall be filed and determined by the Municipal Court of Philadelphia.*

Exclusive
jurisdiction of
Municipal Court
of Philadelphia
concerning birth
records, changes,
appeals from
Department of
Health, and
petitions, by
resident of
Philadelphia.

APPROVED—The 10th day of November, A. D. 1959.

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No. 513

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment

of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," regulating the expenditure of funds appropriated to the Department of Military Affairs for assistance to needy veterans or their widows, infant children or dependents.

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

The
Administrative
Code of 1929.

Section 1. Section 1411, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended to read:

Section 1411, act
of April 9, 1929,
P. L. 177,
amended.

Section 1411. State Veterans Commission.—The State Veterans Commission shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

(a) To advise the Adjutant General upon such matters as the Adjutant General may bring before it;

(b) To investigate the work of the Department of Military Affairs and make recommendations to it, regarding the department's administration of the laws providing for the payment of pensions and relief, for the marking of graves of veterans, and for the selection, acquisition, and maintenance of a State Military Cemetery;

(c) To investigate and compile data concerning veterans of the armed forces of the United States, and all State and municipal activities relating thereto, and to recommend to the Governor legislation for submission to the General Assembly concerning veterans and their activities;

(d) *To expend funds, appropriations to or for it, for the purpose of providing the necessities of life, and to otherwise assist such Pennsylvania veterans of any war or armed conflict, or the widows and infant children or dependents of such veterans as are sick, disabled or indigent, and who are without means for planning and providing for the rehabilitation and care of veterans.*

Such expenditures shall be made for the stated purposes in accordance with rules, regulations and standards established by the State Veterans Commission. In no event shall payments made by the State Veterans Commission exceed the maximum assistance payable under the "Public Assistance Law."

APPROVED—The 10th day of November, A. D. 1959.

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