

Specific repeals : Section 2. The following acts are repealed in so far as they relate to the annual salary to be paid to the register of wills of Philadelphia.

Act of June 13,  
1883, P. L. 113.

(1) The act of June 13, 1883 (P. L. 113), entitled "An act to fix the salaries to be paid county officers in counties containing over five hundred thousand inhabitants, being a supplement to an act approved thirty-first March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, entitled 'An act to carry into effect section five of article fourteenth of the Constitution, relative to the salaries of county officers, and the payment of fees received by them into the State or county treasury, in counties containing over one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants.'"

Act of June 21,  
1947, P. L. 849.

(2) The act of June 21, 1947 (P. L. 849), entitled "An act increasing the salaries of certain elected officers whose salaries are payable out of the treasury of cities of the first class."

APPROVED—The 8th day of August, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 434

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," prohibiting debt pooling business, voiding contracts for debt pooling, and providing penalties.

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

Act of June 24,  
1939, P. L. 872,  
amended by adding  
a new section  
899.

Section 1. The act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), known as "The Penal Code," is amended by adding, after section 897, a new section to read:

*Section \*899. Debt Pooling.—(a) For the purpose of this section:*

(1) "Debtor" shall mean a person who owes an obligation or debt to another whether such is repayable in installments or otherwise.

(2) "Creditor" shall mean a person to whom a debt or obligation is owed from another whether such is payable in installments or otherwise.

(3) "Debt pooling" shall mean the making of a contract, express or implied, with a debtor or debtors whereby the debtor agrees to pay a sum of money periodically or otherwise to another person for the pur-

\* "898" in original.

*pose of having such other person distribute the same among certain specified creditors in accordance with a plan agreed upon, or to be agreed upon, and whereby such other person shall receive a consideration for any such services rendered, or to be rendered, in connection therewith.*

*(b) Any person engaged in the business of debt pooling shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or to imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty \*(30) days, or both. Any contract for debt pooling shall be void and unenforceable.*

*(c) The provisions of this act shall not apply to any person who is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania or any court of common pleas within the State nor to any partnership, all the members of which are admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania or any court of common pleas within the State, nor shall it apply to Better Business Bureaus, Legal Aid Societies, or welfare agencies who act without compensation or profit on behalf of debtors as debt adjusters or debt poolers.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 8th day of August, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 435

### AN ACT

To regulate the sale and distribution for agricultural purposes of ground limestone, burned and hydrated lime, gypsum, slag, and related products in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Agriculture; establishing fees; making an appropriation and prescribing penalties.

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

Pennsylvania  
Agricultural  
Lime Act.

Section 1. Administration of Act; Short Title.—This act shall be administered by the Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and shall be known and may be cited as the “Pennsylvania Agricultural Lime Act.”

Section 2. Definitions.—When used in this act—

\* “days” in original.