

increase of indebtedness, or did not, in the words of the act and amendments and supplements aforesaid authorizing such increase, signify their desire for such increase of indebtedness; and notwithstanding the ballots were not certified or signed by the county commissioners, or were not printed on the official ballot after the list of candidates, but were printed on separate ballots; and notwithstanding full, complete, and proper return of the votes was not made to the proper court, or counted by the court, or a record showing the results made and certified by the clerk of said court to the proper authorities of such district or municipality; and notwithstanding any defect or informality in the manner of holding or giving notice of such election; and notwithstanding any mistake in stating the amount of percentage of the existing debt, or the percentage of the proposed increase, or patent error of orthography or of numerical statement on any or all of the ballots. All of the bonds, securities, and obligations, issued or to be issued in pursuance of every such election, are hereby made valid binding obligations of every such county, city, borough, township, school district, or incorporated district: Provided, All the other requirements of law concerning such procedure, election, and issue of bonds have been complied with: And provided further, The provisions of this act shall not apply in any instance where the validity of such election, or of any issue of bonds or other security based thereon, has been already made the subject of litigation in any court of this Commonwealth.

Validation of securities.

Proviso.

Proviso.

APPROVED—The 24th day of March, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

NO. 25.

AN ACT

To amend clause (d) of section two of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred forty-seven), entitled "An act relating to the administration and distribution of the estates of decedents and of minors, and of trust estates; including the appointment, bonds, rights, powers, duties, liabilities, accounts, discharge and removal of executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees, herein designated as fiduciaries; the administration and distribution of the estates of presumed decedents; widow's and children's exemptions; debts of decedents, rents of real estate as assets for payment thereof, the lien thereof, sales and mortgages of real estate for the payment thereof, judgments and executions therefor, and the discharge of real estate from the lien thereof; contracts of decedents for the sale or purchase of real estate; legacies, including legacies charged on land; the discharge of residuary estates and of real estate from the lien of legacies and other charges; the appraisement of real estate devised at a valuation; the ascertainment of the curtilage of

dwelling houses or other buildings devised; the abatement and survival of actions, and the substitution of executors and administrators therein, and suits against fiduciaries; investments by fiduciaries; the organization of corporations to carry on the business of decedents; the audit and review of accounts of fiduciaries; refunding bonds; transcripts to the court of common pleas of balances due by fiduciaries; the rights, powers, and liabilities of non-resident and foreign fiduciaries; the appointment, bonds, rights, powers, duties, and liabilities of trustees durante absentia; the recording and registration of decrees, reports, and other proceedings, and the fees therefor; appeals in certain cases: and, also, generally dealing with the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of the orphans' court in all matters relating to fiduciaries concerned with the estates of decedents."

Decedents' estates.

Letters testamentary.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That clause (d) of section two of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred forty-seven), entitled "An act relating to the administration and distribution of the estates of decedents and of minors, and of trust estates; including the appointment, bonds, rights, powers, duties, liabilities, accounts, discharge and removal of executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees, herein designated as fiduciaries; the administration and distribution of the estates of presumed decedents; widow's and children's exemptions; debts of decedents, rents of real estate as assets for payment thereof, the lien thereof, sales and mortgages of real estate for the payment thereof, judgments and executions therefor, and the discharge of real estate from the lien thereof; contracts of decedents for the sale or purchase of real estate; legacies, including legacies charged on land; the discharge of residuary estates and of real estate from the lien of legacies and other charges; the appraisalment of real estate devised at a valuation; the ascertainment of the curtilage of dwelling houses or other buildings devised; the abatement and survival of actions, and the substitution of executors and administrators therein, and suits against fiduciaries; investments by fiduciaries; the organization of corporations to carry on the business of decedents; the audit and review of accounts of fiduciaries; refunding bonds; transcripts to the court of common pleas of balances due by fiduciaries; the rights, powers, and liabilities of non-resident and foreign fiduciaries; the appointment, bonds, rights, powers, duties, and liabilities of trustees durante absentia; the recording and registration of decrees, reports, and other proceedings, and the fees therefor; appeals in certain cases; and, also, generally dealing with the jurisdiction, powers, and procedure of the orphans' court in all matters relating to fiduciaries concerned with the estates of decedents," which reads as follows:—

Clause (d), section 2, act of June 7, 1917 (P. L. 447), cited for amendment.

"(d) Every application to any register of wills for the issuance of letters testamentary or of administration shall be in the form of a petition, duly verified

by affidavit, setting forth the residence and citizenship, and the place, day, and hour of death of the decedent; the estimated value of his property, real and personal; the location of his real property; and, in the case of an intestacy, the names and residences of the surviving spouse, if any, and of the next of kin of the intestate; together with an averment that the persons named are the surviving spouse and all the next of kin of the intestate," is hereby amended to read as follows:—

(d) Every application to any register of wills for the issuance of letters testamentary or of administration shall be in the form of a petition, duly verified by affidavit, setting forth the residence and citizenship, and the place, day, and hour of death of the decedent; the estimated value of his property, real and personal; the location of his real property; and, in the case of an intestacy, the names and residences of the surviving spouse, if any, and of the next of kin of the intestate; together with an averment that the persons named are the surviving spouse and all the next of kin of the intestate. *In the case of applications for letters testamentary, such applications shall set forth whether the testator has married and whether any children have been born to such testator since the execution of the will offered for probate.*

Application.

Testator married since execution of will.

APPROVED—The 24th day of March, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

NO. 26.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Directing the publication of the pamphlet containing the game, fish, and forestry laws.

Section 1. Be it resolved (if the Senate concur), That the Secretary of the Board of Game Commissioners of the Commonwealth be, and is hereby, directed to prepare the data, and, as soon as possible after the close of this session, present the same to the Superintendent of Public Printing, who shall, at the expense of the Commonwealth, have published in pamphlet form one hundred thousand (100,000) copies of said laws, together with such letter of instruction or explanation by those entrusted with the care of our game, our forests, and our fish, as may seem necessary; these pamphlets to be placed by the Division of Documents in numbers as provided by law.

Board of Game Commissioners.

Publication of game, fish, and forestry laws.

Distribution.

APPROVED—The 24th day of March, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.