

## No. 322.

## AN ACT

To amend section five hundred and eighteen of an act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred and eighty-two), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section five hundred and eighteen of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred and eighty-two), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 518. *Investment of Surplus.* Any money over and above the capital of any stock fire, stock marine, and stock fire and marine insurance company, may be invested in the securities above enumerated, or in the stock or other evidence of indebtedness of any solvent [dividend paying] corporation created under the laws of this Commonwealth or of any other State of the United States or the District of Columbia, or loaned upon the pledge of the same, except its own stock [or the stock of any other insurance company transacting like classes of business], *but no such investments shall be hereafter made by such company in excess of five per centum of its gross assets, in the stock of another insurance company if the latter has invested in or loaned its funds on the stock of the first investing company.* The current market value of such securities shall at the time of any loan thereon be at least twenty per centum (20%) more than the sum loaned thereon. No such insurance company shall invest any of its funds in any unincorporated business or enterprise nor in the stocks or evidence of indebtedness of any corporation, the owners or

Insurance.

Investment of surplus.

Section 518, act of May 17, 1921 (P. L. 682), amended.

Investment of surplus of any stock insurance company.

Stock of other insurance company.

Percentage of loans to value.

Certain investments forbidden.

Liability of officers  
for violations.

holders of which stock or evidence of indebtedness may, in any event, be or become liable on account thereof to any assessment, except for taxes; nor shall any of its funds be loaned on personal security. Not more than one-fifth ( $1/5$ ) of its capital shall be invested in a single mortgage. If any investment or loan is made in a manner not authorized by this act, the officers and directors making or authorizing the same shall be personally liable for any loss occasioned thereby.

APPROVED—The 12th day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

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AN ACT

To validate all official actions of any justice of the peace who has heretofore been duly elected but who failed to notify the prothonotary of acceptance of such election and to receive a commission as justice of the peace, but nevertheless has exercised the powers of a justice of the peace.

Justice of peace.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever prior to the passage of this act any person has been duly elected in this Commonwealth to the office of justice of the peace, but has failed to file an acceptance of such office with the prothonotary of the proper county, as provided by law, and has not been certified by the prothonotary to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and no commission from the Governor has been issued to such person, but nevertheless such person has exercised the official powers of a Justice of the Peace, including the taking of acknowledgments of deeds and the performance of marriage ceremonies, all the acts of such person performed by him in the exercise of the official powers of a justice of the peace, including the acts of taking acknowledgments to deeds and other papers or instruments and the performance of marriage ceremonies, are hereby declared to have just as full validity and effect in every way, nature, and respect whatsoever as though said person had been duly commissioned a justice of the peace and had otherwise qualified fully according to law as a justice of the peace for the entire period of time during which said actions were performed.

Validation of certain official acts before being duly qualified.

APPROVED—The 12th day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.