

ties; and regulating the disposal of such abandoned county jails, prisons, or workhouses, and the ground upon which the same may be located," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Erection of jails, prisons or workhouses.

Site.

Acreage.

Disposal of old buildings.

Use of old building as house of detention.

Section 1. That, whenever, in any county of the fourth class of this Commonwealth, the county jail, prison, or workhouse of such county is located in or upon a public park, square, or commons in the borough, town, or city then being the county-seat of such county, and a new building or buildings are authorized and required to be erected in place of such county jail, prison, or workhouse, it shall be lawful for the commissioners of such county to erect such new building or buildings upon a site [at or conveniently near the county-seat] *within said county*, and, if need be, to purchase ground for the erection of such building or buildings, *not exceeding five hundred acres*; and, upon the completion of such new building or buildings, the commissioners of such county shall have the authority to dispose of such jail, prison, or workhouse building or buildings, together with all the right, title, or interest of such county in and to the real estate upon which said building or buildings are situated, for any public purpose, including a war memorial, either by sale or by gift, or to remove said building or buildings from said public park, square, or commons, *or to retain said building or buildings and the real estate upon which they are situated as a house of detention or accessory to the county prison.*

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 277

AN ACT

To amend section three of the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and seventy-seven), entitled "An act authorizing the erection of workhouses in the several counties of this Commonwealth," *increasing the amount of acreage allowed for such purposes.*

Workhouses.

Section 3 of act of June 26, 1895 (P. L. 377), amended.

Securing lands and erecting buildings.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section three of the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and seventy-seven), entitled "An act authorizing the erection of workhouses in the several counties of this Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3. Said commissioners are authorized to use any suitable lands already held for county purposes, or to purchase any quantity of lands within

their respective counties, not exceeding [fifty] *five hundred* acres, either with or without buildings thereon erected, and to repair or erect such buildings and make such improvements thereon as they may deem necessary and convenient for a workhouse, the title for said property in case of a purchase to be made to the proper county.

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 278

AN ACT

To amend section six (a) of an 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 appraisal 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 nonresident 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," by enlarging the class of persons who may institute proceedings as to presumed decedents and enlarging the powers of the court in the matter thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section six (a) of an 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

**Fiduciaries.**

**Presumed decedents.**

Section six (a) of act of June 7, 1917 (P. L. 447), amended.