

No. 60

AN ACT

To amend section one of the act, approved the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (Pamphlet Laws, thirty-two), entitled "An act conferring equity jurisdiction upon the courts of common pleas in all cases of the mortgages of the property or franchises of coal, iron, steel, lumber or oil, or mining, manufacturing or transportation companies," extending the provisions of the act to all corporations.

Court of
Common
Pleas.

Corporations.

Section 1, act of
March 23, 1877
(P. L. 32).
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (Pamphlet Laws, thirty-two), entitled "An act conferring equity jurisdiction upon the courts of common pleas in all cases of the mortgages of the property or franchises of coal, iron, steel, lumber or oil, or mining, manufacturing or transportation companies," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Equity
jurisdiction.

Enforcement
of rights under
mortgages of
corporations.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That each of the several courts of common pleas of this Commonwealth shall have and exercise all the powers of a court of chancery, in all cases of or for enforcing rights under mortgages of the property or franchises of any [coal, iron, steel, lumber or oil, or any mining, manufacturing or transportation] corporation, where such property or franchises, or any part thereof, shall be situate or exercisable within the limits of this Commonwealth, and belong to or be exercisable by any domestic corporation or any foreign corporation under permission granted by the laws of this Commonwealth.

APPROVED—The 5th day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 61

AN ACT

To amend sections three and nine of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand five hundred thirty), entitled "An act relating to the erection of a dam at the outlet of Pymatuning Swamp, and the establishment of a reservoir for the flood control of the Shenango and Beaver Rivers; conferring and continuing certain powers and duties on the Department of Forests and Waters in relation to the establishment and maintenance of such reservoir; providing for the acquisition of necessary lands therefor, and the necessary agreements and releases relating thereto, and the disposition of surplus land and materials," by authorizing the development of the fishing, hunting, and other recreational resources thereof and incident thereto, and conferring additional powers on the Water and Power Resources Board.

Pymatuning
Swamp.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section three of

the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand five hundred thirty), entitled "An act relating to the erection of a dam at the outlet of Pymatuning Swamp, and the establishment of a reservoir for the flood control of the Shenango and Beaver Rivers; conferring and continuing certain powers and duties on the Department of Forests and Waters in relation to the establishment and maintenance of such reservoir; providing for the acquisition of necessary lands therefor, and the necessary agreements and releases relating thereto, and the disposition of surplus land and materials," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3,
act of May 2,
1929 (P. L.
1530),
amended.

Section 3. The department, through the board, is hereby authorized and directed to cause a dam to be constructed and/or completed across the outlet of Pymatuning Swamp in Crawford County, for the purpose of establishing a reservoir and conserving the water entering said swamp, and for the purpose of regulating the flow of water in the Shenango and Beaver Rivers. The dam shall be constructed, and the reservoir established, in accordance with plans and specifications which have been or which shall be prepared by or under the direction of the department, and shall be so constructed and established as to conserve said waters in a safe and practical manner, and to regulate the flow therefrom so as to maintain throughout the year as regular a flow of water as possible in said rivers. *The reservoir and land surrounding it acquired by the Commonwealth in connection with the project, or portions of such reservoir and lands, may be developed and used for fishing, hunting, game refuges, recreation park, or other purposes; provided, such use or uses will not, in the opinion of the Water and Power Resources Board, materially interfere with the primary purpose of the reservoir for conserving the water entering Pymatuning Swamp and regulating the flow in the Shenango and Beaver Rivers. The Water and Power Resources Board is vested with complete and final authority concerning the use and development of the land and water comprised within the Pymatuning Reservoir project, and the maintenance and operation of said project.*

Dam
authorized.

Development for
certain purposes.

Water and Power
Resources Board.

Section 2. That section nine of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9
amended.

Section 9. The department may, in its discretion, sell at public or private sale, and convey title thereto in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, any lands or buildings, or both, acquired by it in the name of this Commonwealth by the authority of this or former acts and which are outside the basin of the Pymatuning Reservoir. All deeds for such property shall be approved by the Attorney General, and shall be executed in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by

Sale of lands.

Power over
lands.

the Secretary of Forests and Waters. The department may also, on such terms and subject to such conditions as it deems most advantageous to the Commonwealth, (a) cut timber on any of the lands so acquired and sell the same; (b) sell any improvements on any of such lands; (c) rent or lease any part or parts of said lands for farming or other purposes; (d) rent or lease any houses or buildings on said land for dwelling or other purposes; and (e) grant easements, rights of way, or other interests in or over said lands for highway or railroad reconstruction and relocation or for any other purpose.

Agreements
relative to use.

The department, with the approval of the Water and Power Resources Board, may enter into agreements with other departments, boards or commissions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Ohio, relative to the use of the reservoir and surrounding lands acquired in connection therewith, or portions thereof, for fishing, hunting, game refuges, or other purposes.

Moneys to be
paid into State
Treasury.

All moneys derived from any of the sources authorized by this act shall be paid into the General Fund of the State Treasury.

APPROVED—The 5th day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 62

AN ACT

To amend section one of the supplement, approved the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (Pamphlet Laws, twenty-eight), entitled "A supplement to an act to authorize the formation and regulation of railroad corporations, approved April four, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight," by authorizing narrow gauge railroads to change their gauge to standard gauge.

Railroad
corporations.

Section 1,
act of March
18, 1875
(P. L. 28),
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the supplement, approved the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (Pamphlet Laws, twenty-eight), entitled "A supplement to an act to authorize the formation and regulation of railroad corporations, approved April four, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Narrow
gauge
railroads.

Formation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever, under the provisions of the act, approved the fourth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, entitled "An act to authorize the formation and regulation of railroad companies," and acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof, any