

- (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court; and, upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and to suffer imprisonment for a term of not less than six (6) months or more than one (1) year.
- Second offense.**
- When effective.** Section 9. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and approval by the Governor.
- Repeal.** Section 10. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed: Provided, That this act shall not be construed to amend or repeal the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred nine), as amended, or any part thereof.
- Proviso.**

APPROVED—The 29th day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 127

AN ACT

Authorizing the Commonwealth to purchase at judicial sale and thereafter to hold or sell any property upon which it has a mortgage or lien; providing for the payment of the cost of such acquisitions; and making an appropriation.

Mortgages or liens held by Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That at any judicial sale of any property upon which the Commonwealth, or any department, board, or commission thereof, holds a mortgage or has a lien or liens of any nature whatsoever arising out of unpaid taxes, bonus, interest, penalties, or any other public account, the Commonwealth, acting through the Department of Justice, is hereby authorized and empowered to bid in such property, if necessary, for the protection of its interest. Title shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth.

Purchase of property at judicial sale authorized.

Title.

Section 2. The cost of acquiring property at judicial sale, as provided by this act, shall be defrayed from the fund in the State Treasury into which the moneys secured by the mortgage or lien are payable by law, and for this purpose as much of the moneys in such funds as may be necessary are hereby appropriated.

Fund out which costs are to be paid.

Appropriation. Sale of property acquired.

Section 3. Any property purchased under the provisions of this act shall be held until such time as the department, board, commission, or officer, who or which held the mortgage or was charged with the duty of collecting the money covered by the lien, shall believe it advisable to dispose of the same. Thereupon such department, board, commission, or officer may dispose of the property upon such terms and conditions as he or it may deem advisable and the Department of Justice may approve. It shall be lawful to sell the property for cash

or for part cash and a mortgage to run from the purchaser to the Commonwealth. When the terms and conditions of such sale shall have been agreed upon and approved, the Department of Justice is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a deed or other appropriate document conveying or transferring the property. Any such conveyance or transfer shall be free and clear of all liens and encumbrances in favor of the Commonwealth, except the lien of a purchase money mortgage, if any, contemporaneously executed and delivered to the Commonwealth.

Department of
Justice to execute
deed.

Liens and
encumbrances.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any State officer or employe, or any member of the family of such officer or employe, to purchase, directly or indirectly, any property acquired by the Commonwealth at a judicial sale under the provisions of this act.

Purchase by
State officer or
employe
prohibited.

Section 5. This act shall become effective on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

Effective date.

APPROVED—The 29th day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 128

AN ACT

Providing for the creation and incorporation as municipal corporations, and for the management and operation, of water supply districts to furnish and supply water to the public residing therein and to public and private corporations and the Commonwealth, and its agencies, through the construction of water-works and facilities, and/or the acquisition of the property, water-works, rights, and franchises of public and private corporations, copartnerships, associations, and individuals furnishing and supplying water to the public in said districts; prescribing the powers and duties of such districts, and the officers thereof; conferring jurisdiction on courts of common pleas in connection therewith; and imposing certain costs and charges preliminarily on counties.

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