office of the prothonotary, a schedule of distribution of the proceeds of said sale, according to the list of liens on the property sold, as certified to [him] the sheriff from the record by the proper officers, which schedule and list of liens he shall attach to his return of said Whereupon [the said return shall be read in writ. open court, on some day during the term to be fixed by order of the court; ] the sheriff shall give notice of the filing of said return, as aforesaid, by posting in the Notice of filing. office of the prothonotary a notice, containing the names of the parties, the number and term of the writ; and if the said distribution shall not be questioned or disputed within such [reasonable] time as may be fixed by [the] a rule of court, it shall be final and conclusive, and the sheriff shall proceed to pay out, in ac- sheriff to pay cordance therewith, the money mentioned in his return; but if exception to the sheriff's return be made by any person interested therein, within such time, the court shall proceed to hear and determine the same, as exceptions. now provided by law in case of disputes as to the distribution of the proceeds of sheriffs' sales.

Schedule of distribution to be filed in prothonotary's office.

out money.

Hearing on

APPROVED-The 12th day of June, A. D. 1931.

### **GIFFORD PINCHOT**

### No. 179

#### AN ACT

To amend section one of the act, approved the fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred eighty-four), entitled "An act to authorize courts of common pleas to issue writs of subpoena requiring witnesses to attend and testify under oath, and produce books or papers, before committees appointed for the purpose of investigating charges against the pro-fessional conduct of members of the bar of said courts," by extending its provisions to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the supreme Court act, approved the fourth day of June, one thousand and court of nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred eighty-four), entitled "An act to authorize courts of common pleas to issue writs of subpoena requiring witnesses to attend and testify under oath, and produce books or papers, before committees appointed for the purpose of investigating charges against the professional conduct of members of the bar of said courts," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted. &c., That upon the appli- committee of bar cation of any committee composed of members of the investigating probar of any court of common pleas or of the Supreme of member.

common pleas.

Section 1, act of June 4, 1919 (P. L. 384), amended.

Court of this Commonwealth, appointed, with the approval of the president judge of said court or of the Chief Justice or by the Supreme Court, for the purpose of investigating charges against the professional conduct of members of the bar of said court, the said court is hereby empowered to cause to be issued its subpoena, directed to any person whom such committee may desire to examine in connection with any such charges, requiring such person to appear before such committee, to testify all and singular those things which such person shall know concerning such charges, as well as to produce any books or papers relevant thereto.

## APPROVED—The 12th day of June, A. D. 1931.

# GIFFORD PINCHOT

## No. 180

# AN ACT

To amend section five of the act, approved the seventeenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred seven), entitled "An act to provide revenue for State and county purposes, and, in cities coextensive with counties, for city and county purposes; imposing taxes upon certain classes of personal property; providing for the assessment and collection of the same; providing for the duties and compensation of prothomotaries and recorders in connection therewith; and modifying existing legislation which provided for raising revenue for State purposes," providing for the more efficient assessment of property and collection of taxes, interest, and penalties in cases of the refusal or failure of taxables to make return, and/or where a taxable makes a false or incomplete return; and authorizing and directing the county commissioners or board of revision of taxes to assess or reassess personal property for any current or former year or years, not exceeding five years, where no return is made or a false or incomplete return is made, and to charge interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum; requiring executors and administrators, at the time of filing an inventory and appraisement with the register of wills, to file an affidavit in duplicate setting forth the items included in such inventory, which may be liable to a tax during the last completed taxing period for county purposes; and providing for notice of the time for appeals.

Whereas, The court of common pleas of Northampton County has decided that amendments to section five of the aforesaid act, adopted the thirty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred seventy-four), and the thirteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred eightyfive), were unconstitutional by reason of defective titles; therefore,

Issuance of subpoena to persons to testify before committee.