Commissioner and a duplicate, or certified copy thereof. in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county where the office of any domestic merged or consolidated company is located, the details of such agreement may be carried into effect as provided therein. The company so formed by or resulting from such merger or consolidation agreement may require the return of the original certificates of stock held by each stockholder in each of the companies to be merged or consolidated, and issue, in lieu thereof, new certificates for such number of shares of its own stock as such stockholders may be entitled to Upon such merger or consolidation, all the rights, franchises and interests of the companies so merging or consolidating in and to every species of property and things in action belonging to them, or either of them. shall be deemed to be transferred to and vested in the new company, without any other deed or transfer, and the new company shall hold and enjoy the same to the same extent as if the old companies, or either of them, should have continued to retain their titles. The new company shall succeed to all the obligations and liabilities of the old companies, or any of them, and shall be held liable to pay and discharge all such debts and liabilities in the same manner as if they had been incurred or contracted by it. The stockholders of the old companies shall continue, subject to all the liabilities, claims and demands existing against them, or either of them, at or before such merger or consolidation. No action or proceeding pending at the time of consolidation, in which any or all of the old companies may be a party, shall abate or discontinue by reason of the merger or consolidation, but the same may be prosecuted to final judgment in the same manner as if the merger or consolidation had not taken place, or the new company may be substituted in place of any company so merged or consolidated by order of the court in which the action or proceeding may be pending. So far as they may be applicable, the provisions of this section shall apply to all companies heretofore merged or consolidated.

APPROVED-The 23d day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

## No. 303

## AN ACT

Regulating the salaries of district attorneys in counties of the seventh and eighth classes.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the annual salary of the district attorneys in counties of the seventh and eighth classes shall be as follows:

Counties of seventh and eighth classes. District attorneys. Salary in counties of eighth class.

In counties of seventh class.

Judge to fix

Not to be increased or decreased during term.

Proviso.

Act of July 9, 1919 (P. L. 795), repealed so far as relates to counties of seventh and eighth classes. In counties of the eighth class, not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

In counties of the seventh class, not less than six hundred dollars (\$600) or more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Whenever in this act a maximum and minimum salary is provided, the judge or judges of the court of quarter sessions of the county shall have power to fix the salary of the district attorney within the maximum limits herein provided, but any such salary shall be fixed before the election of any district attorney to whom such salary is to be paid, and such salary shall not thereafter be increased or decreased during the term for which such district attorney was elected: Provided, That where the said judge or judges shall fail, neglect, or refuse to fix a salary for the district attorney as herein provided, he shall receive the minimum salary fixed by this act.

The salaries herein provided for shall be paid by the county.

Section 2. The act approved the ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred ninety-five, entitled "An act to fix the salaries of district attorneys in counties having a population of less than one million inhabitants," is hereby repealed in so far as it relates to counties of the seventh and eighth classes.

APPROVED-The 23d day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

## No. 304

## AN ACT

To amend section one, and repeal section two, of the act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred twenty-six), entitled "An act to regulate the salaries of tipstaves in the courts of common pleas, oyer and terminer and general jail delivery, quarter sessions of the peace, and orphans' courts, in counties of the second class," by providing for fixing of such salaries by judges.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred twenty-six), entitled "An act to regulate the salaries of tipstaves in the courts of common pleas, over and terminer and general jail delivery, quarter sessions of the peace, and orphans' courts, in counties of the second class." is hereby amended to read as follows:

Counties of second class.

Section 1, act of May 3, 1929 (P. L. 126), amended.