No. 10

AN ACT

To amend section ten of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred thirty-seven), entitled "An act affecting marital relations; prescribing grounds and regulating proceedings for divorce and the annulment of bigamous marriages; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating* thereto," by adding to the causes for divorce and annulment of marriages.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section ten of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twentynine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred thirtyseven), entitled "An act affecting marital relations; prescribing grounds and regulating proceedings for divorce and the annulment of bigamous marriages; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10. Grounds for Divorce from Bond of

Matrimonv.—

1. When a marriage has been heretofore or shall hereafter be contracted and celebrated between two persons, it shall be lawful for the innocent and injured spouse to obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony, whenever it shall be judged, in the manner hereinafter provided, that the other spouse:

(a) At the time of the contract, was and still is Impotence. naturally and incurably impotent, or incapable of

procreation; or

(b) Has knowingly entered into a second marriage, Bigamy. in violation of the previous vows he or she made to the former spouse whose marriage is still subsisting: or

Shall have committed adultery; or

Shall have committed wilful and malicious deser- Desertion. tion, and absence from the habitation of the injured and innocent spouse, without a reasonable cause, for and during the term and space of two years; or

Shall have, by cruel and barbarous treatment, endangered the life of the injured and innocent

spouse; or

Shall have offered such indignities to the person Indignities. of the injured and innocent spouse, as to render his or her condition intolerable and life burdensome; or

(g) Shall have procured the marriage by fraud, Fraud, force force, or coercion, and which has not been subsequently confirmed by the acts of the injured and innocent spouse; or

Shall have been convicted, as principal or as Conviction accessory either before or after the fact, within or with- of crime.

Adultery.

Cruel and barbarous

^{· &}quot;regulating" in original,

out this Commonwealth, of the crime of arson, burglary, embezzlement, forgery, kidnapping, larceny, murder either in the first or second degree, assault with intent to kill. voluntary manslaughter, perjury, rape, robbery, sodomy, buggery, pandering, treason or misprision of treason, and be sentenced to imprisonment for any term of two years or more by a competent court having iurisdiction.

Marriage within prohibited degrees.

When a marriage has been heretofore or shall hereafter be, contracted and celebrated between two persons within the prohibited degrees of consanguinity or affinity, according to the tables established by law, it shall be lawful for either of said parties to obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony, in the manner hereinafter provided; or

Marriage after two years' absence of other.

If any spouse, upon any false rumor in appearance well founded of the death of the other, when such other has been absent for the space of two whole years, hath married or shall marry again, the party who has not remarried may at his or her return have his or her own marriage dissolved by divorce on the ground of bigamy, leaving the other party to remain with the second husband or wife. Any such action shall be instituted within six months after such return.

APPROVED—The 19th day of March, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

No. 11

AN ACT

Relating to the journals of the proceedings of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; requiring the keeping thereof and their publication in the Legislative Journal, and abolishing the separate publication of such journals.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Legislative Journal.

Section 1. The Senate and the House of Representatives shall each keep a journal of its proceedings as now required by the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. The Journal of the Senate and the Journal of the House of Representatives shall both be published in the Legislative Journal now provided for by law, which shall serve as the Journals of the Senate and of the House of Representatives respectively, in compliance with the requirements of section twelve of article two of the Constitution.

Separate publications discontinued.

Section 2. No separate publications shall be made of the proceedings of either the Senate or of the House of