

Such treasurer's sales and treasurer's deeds ratified, confirmed and validated.

made at a subsequent term of court; and all such treasurer's sales and treasurer's deeds are hereby ratified, confirmed and validated, and the title to any such land purchased by any person or by the county commissioners of any county at such treasurer's sale and the deed executed and acknowledged to such purchaser is hereby declared to be as valid as if such deed had been acknowledged in open court, proper minute thereof made, and return to said tax sale duly made in full conformity with the law relating thereto.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 589

AN ACT

To amend section six hundred forty-six of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by increasing the age range of children prohibited admittance to moving picture theatres during school hours.

"The Penal Code."

Section 646, act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section six hundred forty-six of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 646. Admission of Children to Motion Picture Theatres.—Whoever, being the owner, proprietor, or lessee, or the agent of such owner, proprietor, or lessee, of any moving picture theatre, during the term of compulsory attendance of public schools as fixed by the board of school directors in any school district, and during the hours and upon the days such schools are in actual session, admits or permits entrance into such moving picture theatre of any child [between eight (8) and fourteen (14) years of age] *subject to compulsory school attendance laws*, unless accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult, or unless such child presents a permit signed by the teacher of such child allowing such child to be absent from school during school hours and permitting admission to the moving picture theatre, shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10)

for the first offense, and not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the second and every subsequent offense, and in default of the payment of such fine, and costs, shall be committed to jail one (1) day for each dollar of fine and costs imposed.

Such permit shall be retained by the owner, proprietor, lessee, or agent, and shall be preserved for a period of six (6) months.

A copy of the provisions of this section shall be posted at a conspicuous place at or near the entrance into every moving picture theatre.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment. Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 590

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the sixteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred thirty-six (Pamphlet Laws 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," by providing by rule of court for the arbitration of certain suits at issue and prescribing the procedure, the appointment and compensation of arbitration, and the payment of fees and costs in such cases.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Arbitration.

Section 1. The act, approved the sixteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred thirty-six (Pamphlet Laws 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," is hereby amended by adding, after section 8 thereof, a new section to read as follows: Act of June 16, 1836, P. L. 715, amended by adding, after section 8 thereof, a new section 8.1.

Section 8.1. The several courts of common pleas may, by rules of court, provide that all cases which are at issue where the amount in controversy shall be one thousand dollars (\$1000) or less, except those involving title to real estate, shall first be submitted to and heard by a board of three (3) members of the bar of the county for consideration and award. Cases which are not at issue and whether or not suit has been filed may be referred to the board of arbitration by agreement of reference signed by counsel for both sides in the case. Said agreement of reference shall define the issues involved for determination by the board and, when agreeable, shall also contain stipulations with respect to facts submitted or agreed or defenses waived. In such cases, the agreement of reference shall take the place of the pleadings in the case and be filed of record. Procedure where case at issue.

Where case not at issue.

Agreement of reference.