

terpretation of wills; to nuncupative wills; to the appointment of testamentary guardians; to elections to take under or against wills and the procedure in reference thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Who May Make a Will.—

(a) Persons Twenty-one or Older. Any person of sound mind twenty-one years of age or older may by will dispose of all his real and personal estate subject to payment of debts and charges.

(b) Persons in Military Service and Mariners. [During any war in which the United States is engaged, a] Any person of sound mind eighteen years of age or older and being in the Armed Forces of the United States in active service at home or abroad, or being a mariner on land or at sea, may by will dispose of all his real and personal estate subject to payment of debts and charges, and may thereafter revoke such will whether or not the United States is engaged in war and whether or not he is still in such service or is a mariner.

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

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of May, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 28

AN ACT

To further amend section 2 of the act, approved the twenty-second day of July, one thousand nine hundred thirteen (Pamphlet Laws 912), entitled "An act providing for the payment of the costs incurred in the trial of convicts and prisoners escaping, or attempting to escape, from the several penitentiaries and reformatories of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the respective counties from whose courts the said escaping convicts or prisoners have been committed; and providing for the maintenance of such convicts under sentence for escape, et cetera," by extending the provisions of such act to fix responsibility for the costs incurred in proceedings and appeals on habeas corpus, coram nobis and other writs arising out of escapes or crimes and trials therefor.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of the act, approved the twenty-second day of July, one thousand nine hundred thirteen (Pamphlet Laws 912), entitled "An act providing for the payment of the costs incurred in the trial of convicts and prisoners escaping, or attempting to escape, from the several penitentiaries and reformatories of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the respective counties from whose courts the said escaping convicts or prisoners have been committed; and providing for the mainten-

Criminal procedure.

Section 2, act of July 22, 1913, P. L. 912, as last amended by act of February 28, 1933, P. L. 3, further amended.

ance of such convicts under sentence for escape, et cetera," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (Pamphlet Laws 3), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Counties liable for costs of transporting, maintaining, etc., escaped persons, prisoners and convicts.

Section 2. The cost of transporting escaped persons, prisoners, and convicts from the place of capture to the correctional institution, penitentiary, or reformatory after being sentenced for such escape, or for the commission of any crime or offense following such escape and before apprehension, the cost of maintenance while confined in the county jail awaiting trial, as well as the costs of the trial for escape or breaking away of persons, convicts, and prisoners from the several penitentiaries, correctional institutions, and reformatories in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or the violation by said persons, convicts, and prisoners of any or all of the penal statutes relating to escape, or of the trial for crime and offenses committed after such escape and before apprehension, or of the trial for crimes and offenses committed on the grounds or within the buildings of the correctional institution, penitentiary, or reformatory, *as well as the costs incurred in any proceedings on writs of habeas corpus, coram nobis or other petitions arising out of any escape or crime or the trials *therefor, or in any appeals of any such proceedings or trials,* shall in each instance be borne and paid by the respective counties of the Commonwealth from whose courts the said persons, convicts, and prisoners shall have been originally committed to the said penitentiaries, correctional institutions, or reformatories.

Procedure for payment of such costs by county liable.

The county liable for such costs, as above provided, shall, upon bills rendered by the county paying such costs in the first instance, pay to such county the amount of such costs.

APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 29

AN ACT

Authorizing and directing the Secretary of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission and the Secretary of Forests and Waters, to release and quitclaim to E. Kent Kane, all right, title and interest of the Commonwealth to certain land in Sergeant Township, McKean County, formerly conveyed to the Commonwealth subject to conditions that have not been met.

Real property.

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

* "therefore" in original.