

No. 68

AN ACT

Relating to criminal prosecutions permitting defendants to make motions for discharge on the ground that the evidence is insufficient to sustain the charge and providing for the effect thereof.

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

Section 1. In all criminal prosecutions in this Commonwealth in which the jury is dismissed or discharged by the court without reaching a verdict recorded by the court on motion of the defendant that the evidence is insufficient to sustain the charge, the court shall discharge the defendant and dismiss the case if it decides that there is not sufficient evidence to sustain a conviction.

Court to discharge defendant upon motion and dismiss case if it decides there is not sufficient evidence to sustain a conviction.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 69.

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," authorizing administrative tasks functions or duties required to be performed on Saturdays in certain offices to be performed on Mondays, regulating the number of employees to be maintained for such purposes.

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

Section 1. The act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), known as the "Second Class County Code," is amended by adding, after section 1312, a new section to read:

Second Class
County Code.

Act of July 28,
1953, P. L. 723,
amended by add-
ing a new sec-
tion 1313.

Section 1313. Administrative Functions in Certain Offices on Saturday.—Any administrative tasks, functions or duties required to be performed in the offices of the prothonotary, clerk of county court, clerk of juvenile court and the recorder of deeds, on Saturday, shall be valid if performed or transacted on the next succeeding secular or business day. The prothonotary, clerk of county court, clerk of juvenile court and recorder of deeds, shall, in the exercise of reasonable judgment, maintain sufficient numbers of employes during such hours as shall be adequate in order to comply with this section. Nothing herein contained shall be considered

as permitting the offices to be closed to the general public on Saturday mornings from 9:00 A. M. until noon, except when Saturday falls on a legal or court holiday.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 70

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 571), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to assessment for taxation in counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; designating the subjects, property and persons subject to and exempt from taxation for county, borough, town, township, school, except in cities and county institution district purposes; and providing for and regulating the assessment and valuation thereof for such purposes; creating in each such county a board for the assessment and revision of taxes; defining the powers and duties of such boards; providing for the acceptance of this act by cities; regulating the office of ward, borough, town and township assessors; abolishing the office of assistant triennial assessor in townships of the first class; providing for the appointment of a chief assessor, assistant assessors and other employes; providing for their compensation payable by such counties; prescribing certain duties of and certain fees to be collected by the recorder of deeds and municipal officers who issue building permits; imposing duties on taxables making improvements on land and grantees of land; prescribing penalties; and eliminating the triennial assessment," imposing certain temporary restrictions on the taxing authorities of political subdivisions affected by the provisions of said act.

The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law.

Section 602, act of May 21, 1943, P. L. 571, amended July 17, 1953, P. L. 464, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section 602, act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 571), known as "The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law," amended July 17, 1953 (P. L. 464), is amended to read:

Section 602. Valuation of Persons and Property.—It shall be the duty of the chief assessor to assess, rate and value all subjects and objects of local taxation, whether for county, township, town, school (except in cities), county institution district, poor or borough purposes, according to the actual value thereof, and in the case of subjects and objects of local taxation other than real property at such rates and prices for which the same would separately bona fide sell. After there has been established and completed for the entire county the permanent system of records consisting of tax maps, property record cards and property owner's index, as required by section three hundred six of the act herein amended, real property shall be assessed at a value based