

Section 1502. General Repeal.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Effective
July 1, 1959.

Section 1503. Effective Date of Act.—The provisions of this act shall become effective July 1, 1959.

APPROVED—The 29th day of April, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 33

AN ACT

Providing for the destruction of certain records and papers upon petition in cities of the first class.

Destruction of
old court records
in first class
cities.

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

Order of court
required for
records on file
over twenty-five
years.

Section 1. In the City and County of Philadelphia the board of judges of the Courts of Common Pleas or the board of judges of the Municipal Court, as the case may be, upon petition of the prothonotary or clerk, may direct the destruction or disposition of all papers and records of every and all description in his custody, except docket and other book entries, without reproducing the same: Provided, That the said papers and records have been on file for a period of twenty-five years or more.

Contents of
petition.

Section 2. The petition need not list or name the papers or records nor give the courts, terms or numbers, but shall set forth by general description the nature and kind of papers, records and proceedings involved as well as such other information as the rules of court may require.

Time for hearing
to be fixed.

Section 3. The court shall fix a time for hearing such petition, which shall not be less than thirty days from the date of such order. A copy of such petition and order shall be conspicuously posted in the office of the prothonotary or clerk for a period of not less than twenty days prior to such hearing.

Notice of hearing
to be posted.

Final decision by
the court.

Section 4. At such hearing which shall be held in open court, the assigned judge shall consider such petition and any answer or answers filed by any party in interest in such proceeding, and shall enter a final decision from which no appeal shall lie.

Act not appli-
cable to certain
proceedings.

Section 5. This act shall not apply to any papers or records in proceedings determining or affecting title to real estate, in actions of adoption, divorce, annulment of

marriage or proceedings for charters of incorporation of nonprofit corporations.

Section 6. All acts and parts of acts are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith. **General repeal.**

Section 7. This act shall take effect immediately. **Act effective immediately.**

APPROVED—The 29th day of April, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 34

AN ACT

Authorizing cities of the second class to make contributions out of city funds to institutes or museums of fine art or natural history, or both, within such cities, established by private grant or bequest and open to the public.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: **Cities of second class.**

Section 1. Every city of the second class is hereby authorized and empowered to contribute from city funds toward the cost of operating, maintaining or carrying out or furthering the purposes of institutes or museums of fine art or natural history, or both, located within such city on public property, established by private grant or bequest, open to the public and not used for private or corporate profit. **Contributions to Museums of Fine Art or Natural History.**

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately. **Effective immediately.**

APPROVED—The 29th day of April, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 35

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 contributions out of county funds to institutes or museums of fine art or natural history, or both, within such counties established by private grant or bequest and open to the public.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: **Second Class County Code.**

Section 1. Article XXI., act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), known as the "Second Class County Code," is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new subdivision to read: **Article XXI., act of July 28, 1953, P. L. 723, amended by adding a new subdivision (o), section 2199.**

(o) *Museums of Fine Art or Natural History*