Jurisdiction in criminal actions.

Section 11. The said court, hereby created, shall have jurisdiction in all criminal actions and suits for penalties, except that it shall not have jurisdiction in the trial of indictments for [arson, burglary,] murder, voluntary manslaughter, treason, or misprision of treason, or for violation or conspiracy to violate the election or registration laws of this Commonwealth, or for embezzlement by any public officer, or any offense involving breach of official duties by any public officer: Provided, however, That nothing herein contained, and no exception to the jurisdiction of the said court herein set forth, shall be construed to deprive the said court of exclusive jurisdiction in those cases hereinafter in this section set forth.

Proviso.

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Approved—The 8th day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 327

AN ACT

To prohibit discrimination in employment by the Commonwealth, its agencies or any political subdivision, because of membership in the National Guard or a reserve component of the United States in certain cases.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for the Commonwealth or any of its departments, boards, commissions, agencies or any political subdivision, to refuse to hire or employ any individual not on extended active duty because of his membership in the National Guard or any one of the reserve components of the armed forces of the United States, or to discharge from employment such individual, or to otherwise discriminate against such individual with respect to compensation, hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of such membership.

APPROVED—The 8th day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 328

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 25, 1947 (P. L. 928), entitled "An act relating to the annual salaries and compensation of certain county officers of counties of the sixth class," increasing and fixing the salaries of certain county officers.

Discrimination in employment by reason of membership in National Guard or United States reserve component.

Unlawful to refuse employment to, discharge from or discriminate against, by reason of such membership.