

recited act contained which is not consistent with this present act from henceforth shall be and hereby is repealed and made void.

Passed December 23, 1777. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 15, 1725-26, Chapter 289.

CHAPTER DCCLXXII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO SEVERAL ACTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE MODE OF APPOINTING AND FINING THE SEVERAL OFFICERS HEREBIN MENTIONED.¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas great difficulties are found to arise in the administration of justice and other public business through the omission and neglect of constables, jurymen, overseers of the poor and supervisors of the highways to perform the duties enjoined upon them by law; the fines for such omissions and neglects being found inadequate:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That all and every person or persons who have been or shall be legally appointed to the same office of constable in any city, borough, township, ward or district within this commonwealth, and who, being so appointed and thereof duly notified according to law, shall neglect or refuse to take upon himself the execution of the said office of constable, or shall neglect or refuse to execute and perform all or any of the duties and services to the said office belonging or which by law may be enjoined upon them to execute and perform and shall thereof be legally convicted, shall for each and every such offense be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty pounds at the discretion of the court, to be paid into the public treasury for the use of this commonwealth.

¹ See act of May 22, 1722, Chapter 255.

[Section II] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all persons, freemen within this commonwealth, being legally summoned to serve upon any jury or any inquest, who shall neglect or omit to give their attendance and perform the duties enjoined upon them according to law, shall be fined at the discretion of the court in which they were so summoned to attend in a summary way in any sum not exceeding ten pounds unless such delinquent shall at the same or the next succeeding court render to the judges or justices thereof a reasonable excuse for such neglect or omission, the same fines to be levied and paid to the treasurer of the county for the use of the county.

[Section III] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every person or persons who have been or shall be legally appointed to the office of overseer of the poor or supervisor of the highway[s], and who, being so appointed and thereof duly notified according to law, shall neglect or refuse to take upon him or themselves the execution of their said offices respectively or shall neglect or refuse to execute and perform all or any of the duties and services to their said offices respectively belonging, shall for each and every such offense respectively forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding twenty pounds the same forfeiture and fines to be levied and paid to the treasurer of the county for the use of the county.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the several acts of assembly to which this act is a supplement as are herein supplied, altered or amended shall be and is hereby repealed and made void, and that this act shall be and continue in force for and during the term of two years next after the publication hereof and from thence to the end of the next sitting of the general assembly and no longer.

Passed December 26, 1777. See the Act of Assembly passed March 16, 1779, Chapter 828.