

*Section 11. Procedure to Establish Title to Real Property When Spouse Claims Entire Estate.*—A surviving spouse entitled, under the provisions of this act, to the entire estate of the decedent shall have it awarded to him in the same manner as a lesser share of the estate would be so awarded.

*Section 12. Property Distributable to the Commonwealth.*—When the estate is distributable to the Commonwealth, as statutory heir under the provisions of this act, it shall be reduced to cash in all cases by the personal representative, and awarded by the court in distribution to the Commonwealth, and paid by the personal representative through the Department of Revenue into the State Treasury.

Effective date.

Section 4. This amending act shall take effect April one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six, and shall apply to the real and personal estates of all persons dying on or after that day. The provisions of sections ten, eleven and twelve of the "Intestate Act of 1947" repealed hereby shall remain in effect as to the estates of persons dying on or after January one, one thousand nine hundred forty-eight, and prior to April one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.

APPROVED—The 10th day of February, A. D. 1956.

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No. 328

### AN ACT

Amending the act of May sixteen, one thousand nine hundred twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws 579), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the better management of the jails or county prisons in the several counties of this Commonwealth of the third, fourth and fifth classes by creating, in such counties, a board to be known by the name and style of inspectors of the jail or county prison, with authority to appoint a warden of such prison, and by vesting in said board, and the officers appointed by it, the safe-keeping, discipline, and employment of prisoners and the government and management of said jails or county prisons," giving wardens, deputies and other appointees of the board powers of peace officers.

Jails and prisons  
—third, fourth  
and fifth class  
counties.

Act of May 16,  
1921, P. L. 579,  
entitled as  
amended, reen-  
acted and  
amended July  
29, 1953, P. L.  
1013, further  
amended by add-  
ing a new section  
2.1.

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

Section 1. The act of May sixteen, one thousand nine hundred twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws 579), entitled as amended, "An act providing for the better management of the jails or county prisons in the several counties of this Commonwealth of the third, fourth and fifth classes by creating, in such counties, a board to be known by the name and style of inspectors of the jail or county prison, with authority to appoint a warden of such prison, and

by vesting in said board, and the officers appointed by it, the safe-keeping, discipline, and employment of prisoners and the government and management of said jails or county prisons," reenacted and amended July twenty-nine, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1013), is amended by adding, after section two, a new section to read:

*Section 2.1. All wardens, deputy wardens, keepers, guards, turnkeys and matrons shall have, and may exercise, the powers of peace officers in the performance of their duties generally in guarding, protecting and delivering prisoners, in protecting the property and interests of the county, and in capturing and returning prisoners that may have escaped.*

APPROVED—The 10th day of February, A. D. 1956.

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No. 329

AN ACT

Amending the act of August nine, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five (Act No. 130), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," fixing the time for the annual report by the county auditors to the court of common pleas, and changing the provisions relating to the appointment of depositories of county funds.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a), section one thousand seven hundred twenty-one, act of August nine, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five (Act No. 130), known as "The County Code," is amended to read: Subsection (a), section 1721, act of August 9, 1955, Act No. 130, P. L. 323, amended.

Section 1721. Audit of Accounts by Auditors; Report to Common Pleas; Publications; Financial Report to Department of Internal Affairs.—(a) The auditors shall audit, settle and adjust the accounts of all county officers of the county, and make an annual report thereof, on or before the first Monday of [March] *April*, to the court of common pleas, unless upon due cause shown the court shall grant an extension of time therefor. Said report shall be in detail, showing distinctly and separately all receipts and expenditures of the several offices, and all debts and accounts due, and the amount raised from each source of revenue, and the expenditures in detail and classified by reference to the object thereof,