

No. 376

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 10, 1951 (P. L. 1163), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the orphans' courts; conferring exclusive jurisdiction on such courts over the administration and distribution of decedents' estates, trust estates, minors' estates, absentees' estates and (except in Philadelphia County) incompetents' estates and the determination of title to real estate in certain cases; providing for the organization of orphans' courts, the procedure therein, the powers and duties of the judges thereof, and appeals therefrom," conferring exclusive jurisdiction on the orphans' courts of Philadelphia County over the administration and distribution of incompetents' estates.

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

Orphans' Court
Act of 1951.

Section 1. The title and clause (4.1) of section 301, act of August 10, 1951 (P. L. 1163), known as the "Orphans' Court Act of 1951," amended February 10, 1956 (P. L. 1022), are amended to read:

Title and clause
(4.1), section
301, act of
August 10, 1951,
P. L. 1163,
amended Febru-
ary 10, 1956,
P. L. 1022,
further amended.

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Relating to the orphans' court; conferring exclusive jurisdiction on such courts over the administration and distribution of decedents' estates, trust estates, minors' estates, absentees' estates and [(except in Philadelphia County)] incompetents' estates and the determination of title to real estate in certain cases; providing for the organization of orphans' courts, the procedure therein, the powers and duties of the judges thereof, and appeals therefrom.

Section 301. Exclusive Jurisdiction.—The orphans' court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of:

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(4.1) Incompetents' Estates.—The administration and distribution of the real and personal property of the estates of incompetents, except where jurisdiction thereof already has been acquired by another Pennsylvania court [before the effective date of this act]. Another court which has acquired jurisdiction of the estate may transfer it to the orphans' court. [The jurisdiction of the orphans' court of Philadelphia County over the administration and distribution of the real and personal property of the estates of incompetents shall be concurrent with the several courts of common pleas as heretofore.]

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APPROVED—The 11th day of July, A. D. 1957.

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