

No. 676.

AN ACT

To confer on Ben Lees the name of Ben Lees Byram, and all the rights and privileges of a child born in lawful wedlock.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the name of Ben Lees, of the city of Philadelphia, be and the same is hereby changed to Ben Lees Byram, by which name he shall hereafter be able and capable in law, to hold all property and rights of property, to which he has been or may hereafter be in any manner entitled.

SECTION 2. That the said Ben Lees of the city of Philadelphia, the son of Sam Byram and Esther his wife, shall have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and advantages of a child born in lawful wedlock, and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit any estate whatsoever, as fully and completely to all intents and purposes, as if he had been born in lawful wedlock.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

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Relative to the payment of Witnesses' Fees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the witnesses' fees contained in any bill of costs, filed in any civil suit or criminal prosecution, shall not be assignable by the prosecutor, plaintiff, or defendant therein; and it shall not be lawful for the prothonotary, clerk, sheriff, district attorney, or any other officer of the court to whom any costs may be paid or given, in any such suit or prosecution, to pay the witnesses' fees therein contained, to any other person or persons but the witnesses' themselves, unless he or they shall produce a written