

Act of July 18,
1919 (P. L.
1045), not re-
pealed.

Section 11. This act does not repeal or affect any of the provisions of the act, approved the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand forty-five), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of a Bureau of Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Industry, and conferring upon the Commissioner of Labor and Industry the power to supervise and direct the rendering of certain physically handicapped persons fit to engage in remunerative occupations; providing for the appointment of a chief of the bureau, subordinate officers, and employes, and furnishing suitable accommodations; and making an appropriation."

Duration of oper-
ation of act.

Section 12. This act shall be in effect and operative so long as there are funds available for the use of this Commonwealth from appropriations made by the Congress of the United States in pursuance of the act of Congress referred to in section two of this act or similar systems and no longer.

Section 13. The Secretary of the Commonwealth is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this act to the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of March, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 5.

AN ACT

Amending the twelfth section of an act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and forty-nine), entitled "An act amending the twelfth section of an act, entitled 'An act relating to practice in the courts of common pleas in actions of assumpsit and trespass, except actions for libel and slander; prescribing the pleadings and procedure to be observed therein, and giving the courts power to enforce its provisions,' approved the fourteenth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and fifteen; providing that counties, cities, boroughs, townships, school districts, and other municipalities shall not be required to file affidavits of defense."

Practice.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section twelve of an act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and forty-nine), entitled "An act amending the twelfth section of an act, entitled 'An act relating to practice in the courts of common pleas in actions of assumpsit and trespass, except actions for libel and slander; prescribing the pleadings and procedure to be observed therein, and giving the courts power to enforce its provisions,' approved the fourteenth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and

fifteen; providing that counties, cities, boroughs, townships, school districts, and other municipalities shall not be required to file affidavits of defense," which reads as follows:—

"Section 12. The defendant shall file an affidavit of defense to the statement of claim within fifteen days from the day when the statement was served upon him. The affidavit of defense shall be as brief as the nature of the case will admit. It shall be sworn to by the defendant, or some person having knowledge of the facts. It shall be served upon the plaintiff, or his attorney, at the address for the service of papers indorsed on the statement of claim, and shall be indorsed with the name of the defendant's attorney, or of the defendant if he defends in person, and an address within the county where all papers are to be served: Provided, That counties, cities, boroughs, townships, school districts, and other municipalities shall not be required to file an affidavit of defense," is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Section 12. The defendant shall file an affidavit of defense to the statement of claim within fifteen days from the day when the statement was served upon him. The affidavit of defense shall be as brief as the nature of the case will admit. It shall be sworn to by the defendant or some person having knowledge of the facts. It shall be served upon the plaintiff or his attorney, at the address for the service of papers indorsed on the statement of claim, and shall be indorsed with the name of the defendant's attorney, or of the defendant if he defends in person, and an address within the county where all papers are to be served: Provided, That counties, cities, boroughs, townships, school districts, and other municipalities shall not be required to file an affidavit of defense: *And provided further, That no affidavit of defense shall be required to be filed under the provisions of this act in any case before the return day of the writ or summons.*

Section 12, act of May 14, 1915 (P. L. 483), as amended by section 1, act of May 3, 1917 (P. L. 149), cited for amendment.

Affidavit of defense in personal actions.

Proviso.
Time of filing.

APPROVED—The 10th day of March, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.