

act authorizing boroughs to sell certain real estate; and prescribing procedure to be followed," be and the same is hereby repealed, and all sales not made in accordance with the aforesaid act be and the same are hereby validated.

Certain sales validated.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 359.

AN ACT

Providing for the building or rebuilding of inter-county bridges by adjoining counties or by a county and a city in an adjoining county, and providing for the assessment and payment of damages for lands taken for such purpose by any county.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever it is necessary to erect a bridge on the boundary line between two counties either to take the place of an inter-county bridge which has become insufficient for any cause to accommodate public travel or to provide a new bridge where none has previously been, such counties may jointly build or rebuild such bridge after first having obtained the approval of a grand jury and the court of quarter sessions in each county.

Provision for erecting inter-county bridges in certain cases.

Section 2. When such bridge is on the dividing line between two counties which is also the dividing line between one county and a city in the other county and such city has authority to build or rebuild such bridge or to join with any county therein said county may join with said city in the other county in building or rebuilding such bridge. In such case the approval of a grand jury and the court of quarter sessions of the county so joining with a city only shall be required.

Section 3. The cost of such bridge shall be paid in such proportions as shall be agreed upon by the two counties or by the county and city so joining. Such bridge when built shall be an inter-county bridge and be subject to all provisions of existing laws relating to inter-county bridges.

Payment for bridge.

Section 4. Whenever in the construction of a bridge lands are taken in any county joining in such construction and damages are sustained by the owner or owners of such lands the county commissioners in the county where the lands are located when possible shall enter into an agreement with such owner or owners as to the amount of damages to be paid to such owner or owners, which damages if agreed upon shall be paid by the county in which the lands are located. If a satisfactory agreement cannot be made then such

Payment of damages.

Viewers.

Appeals to several courts.

owner or owners may present their petition to the court of quarter sessions in the county where the lands are located for the appointment of viewers to ascertain and assess their damages. The proceedings upon said petition and by the viewers shall be governed by existing laws relating to the ascertainment and assessment of damages for building county bridges. The county commissioners, or any other party to such proceedings, may appeal from the award of the viewers to the court of common pleas and shall be entitled to a trial by jury. From the judgment of the court of common pleas an appeal may be had to the Supreme or Superior Court, as in other cases. Such damages when ascertained shall be paid by the county in which the lands taken are located.

Section 5. This act does not repeal the provisions of any existing law relating to the building or rebuilding of inter-county bridges, but is intended as an additional method of accomplishing the same.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 360.

AN ACT

To further amend section one and paragraph one of section two of an act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred eight), entitled "An act regulating the closing of public highways, and providing for the locating, marking, and maintenance of detours necessitated by such closing," as amended.

Highways.

Section 1 of act of May 17, 1921 (P. L. 908), amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred eight), entitled "An act regulating the closing of public highways, and providing for the locating, marking, and maintenance of detours necessitated by such closing," as amended by an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred fifty-seven), entitled "An act to amend section two of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred and eight), entitled 'An act regulating the closing of public highways, and providing for the locating, marking, and maintenance of detours necessitated by such closing,' and providing penalties," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Closing to traffic.

Section 1. That, from and after the passage of this act, except in the case of emergencies wherein the safety of the public would be endangered, no public