

No. 293

AN ACT

Authorizing municipalities to acquire by gift or bequest, and to operate and maintain motor ambulances.

Municipalities.

Motor ambulances
acquired by gift or
bequest.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That any municipality shall have power to acquire, by gift or bequest, and to operate and maintain a motor ambulance for the purposes of conveying sick and injured residents of such municipality and the vicinity to and from hospitals, and, for such purposes, to appropriate and expend moneys of the municipality.

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 294

AN ACT

Providing for the sale or disposition of personal property owned by joint owners, not partners, or husband and wife, on petition of one of such joint owners.

Partition of personal
property jointly
owned.

Petition to court
of common pleas.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever personal property is owned jointly, by persons who are not partners, or are not husband and wife, and any one of such persons desires to dispose of his or her right, title, and interest in said personal property, and cannot arrive at a satisfactory arrangement with the other owner or owners of such personal property for the disposition of such personal property, it shall be lawful for such person to petition to the court of common pleas of the county wherein such property is situated, citing the facts of such joint ownership, the value of the property, and the inability of the joint owners thereof to agree to the amiable disposition thereof; whereupon the said court shall appoint a trustee for said personal property, which trustee, upon the filing of a bond in a sum in double the amount of the value of the personal property as set forth in said petition, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the said trustee as herein set forth, shall take immediate possession of said property.

Appraisement.

Section 2. The trustee, within five days after his appointment and qualification, shall cause an appraisement to be made, by disinterested and qualified appraisers, of the value of said property.

Application for order
of sale.

Section 3. After the value of the personal property has been fixed, the trustee shall apply to the court of common pleas in the county in which said personal property is located for an order of sale, notice of said order of sale to be served on all the parties in interest, and, where no personal service can be made by

Notice.

the sheriff of said county, in that case the court shall direct an advertisement to be inserted in one newspaper of general circulation nearest the locality in which the said personal property is situated, and also in a legal journal, if published in the county, for at least three weeks before said sale.

Section 4. The trustee, after said sale, shall make a return to the said court of common pleas, said return to be confirmed nisi. If no exceptions be filed thereto with ten days, the same to become absolute. When the sale is made absolute, the trustee shall file an account of the debts and credits, said trustee's compensation to be fixed by the court, as well as all legal services in connection therewith and also the premiums paid for the necessary bonds in connection with the appraisal and sale of the said personal property.

Section 5. When the entire personal property is sold by the said trustee and an account having been filed, the parties may agree as to the distribution of the proceeds of said sale and have the court confirm said distribution. And in case no distribution can be agreed upon, then the court may direct an audit of the said account, after giving notice to all the parties interested, said notice to be advertised once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, and also in the legal journal for a period of three weeks, and at said hearing the interest of the respective parties may be established, whereupon the court may make decree of distribution, and, if no exceptions are filed to said decree of distribution within fifteen (15) days after filing of the same, then the said decree of distribution shall be confirmed absolutely, and the trustees shall distribute the proceeds of said sale according to the decree of distribution. After all the parties to distribution have been paid and a release filed the trustee may be discharged and the bond released.

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No. 295

AN ACT

To amend section one of the act, approved the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (Pamphlet Laws, ninety-seven), entitled "An act regulating the satisfaction of mortgages where the legal presumption of the payment of the same exists from the lapse of time, and no satisfaction of record appears," providing that the date of maturity of a mortgage shall, for the purposes of this act, be one year from the acknowledgment thereof, when such mortgage fixes no date of maturity.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (Pamphlet Laws, ninety-seven), entitled "An act regulating the satis-

Return of sale.

Account.

Distribution of proceeds.

Audit.

Notice.

Hearing.

Decree.

Distribution.

Mortgages.

Section 1 of act of June 10, 1881 (P. L. 97), amended.