

## No. 51

## AN ACT

To amend paragraph twenty-five of section three and section six, and to repeal section four, of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand seven hundred eighty-four), entitled "An act concerning newspapers; creating uniformity in the publication of legal notices and advertisements; defining the newspapers in which official and legal advertising shall be published; prescribing methods for computing the charges therefor, and providing that the expenses for publishing legal advertising or notices shall be taxable and collectible as court costs are now taxed and collected in all matters and proceedings," by providing who shall verify a proof of publication; eliminating the requirement that a receipt, certifying the payment of advertising charges, shall be filed before any matter or legal proceeding shall be finally determined; and validating certain legal proceedings.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That paragraph twenty-five of section three of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand seven hundred eighty-four), entitled "An act concerning newspapers; creating uniformity in the publication of legal notices and advertisements; defining the newspapers in which official and legal advertising shall be published; prescribing methods for computing the charges therefor, and providing that the expenses for publishing legal advertising or notices shall be taxable and collectible as court costs are now taxed and collected in all matters and proceedings," is hereby amended to read as follows:

(25) "Proof of Publication" means a printed or written statement, declaring the name of a newspaper of general circulation, a legal newspaper, a legal periodical, official newspaper, or official legal newspaper, as defined by this act of Assembly, its place of business, when the same was established, the date or dates, and issue or issues, in which a printed notice or publication appeared, and to which is securely attached, exactly as printed or published, a copy of the official advertisement, official notice, legal notice, or legal advertisement, verified with a statement of the owner, [or] publisher, or the designated agent of the owner or publisher, of such newspaper or periodical in which the official or legal advertisement or notice was published, duly sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths, and also declaring that the affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the notice or advertising, and that all of the allegations of the statement as to the time, place, and character of publication are true.

Section 2. That section six of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6. All charges, costs, and expenses incurred, including the fees for affidavits to proofs of publication,

Newspaper  
advertising.

Paragraph 25,  
section 3, act of  
May 16, 1929  
(P. L. 1784),  
amended.

"Proof of  
Publication."

Verification.

Section 6  
amended.

Advertising to  
be charged as  
costs.

for official and legal advertising in any matter, action at law, proceeding in court, or legal proceeding, in any matter, settlement of estates, public sales of real estate by either sheriffs, masters, executors, administrators, trustees, or other persons, shall be taxable, collectible and payable as other court costs and expenses of administration are now required by law to be taxed, collected, and paid, upon all judgments, orders and decrees of court. [Provided, No action at law, proceeding in court, settlement of estate, sale, or other matter in any legal proceeding, shall be fully and finally determined until there has been filed of record in such matter or proceeding a receipt certifying that such advertising and publication charges have been paid the same as all court and legal proceeding costs are now required to be paid.]

Section 4  
repealed.

Section 3. That section four of said act is hereby repealed.

Validation.

Section 4. All actions at law, proceedings in court, settlement of estates, sales, or other matters, in any legal proceeding heretofore begun and/or fully and finally determined, shall be valid and binding to all intents and purposes, notwithstanding there was a failure to file of record in such matter or proceeding a receipt, certifying that the advertising and publication charges had been paid, and notwithstanding there was a failure to comply with the provisions of said act with respect to the method of dispensing with any legal notice or advertising, where discretion is vested in a court to omit or dispense with such legal notice or advertisement.

APPROVED—The 24th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 52

AN ACT

To amend section one of article six of the act, approved the seventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and one (Pamphlet Laws, twenty), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," as amended, by making residents of adjacent territory annexed to such cities qualified to act as assessors.

Cities of second  
class.

Assessors.

Section 1 of  
Article VI, act  
of March 7, 1901  
(P. L. 20), as  
last amended by  
act of June 23,  
1919 (P. L.  
575), further  
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of article six of the act, approved the seventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and one (Pamphlet Laws, twenty), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," which was last amended by the act, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred seventy-five), entitled "An act amending article six of an act, entitled 'An act for the government