

tion thereon of any municipal, school, or free public library building, or for use as recreation centres or municipal playgrounds, or the opening, laying out, or extension through said land of any street or highway, or for any other public purposes, and, after three weeks of advertisement or hearing in open court for the purpose, may, after a full hearing of the parties, their proofs and allegations, authorize and direct the removal of the remains of the dead from such burial grounds: Provided, That no such application shall be made by the managers, officers, or trustees of such society or church, except in pursuance of the wishes of a majority of the members of such society or church, expressed at a meeting held for that purpose after two weeks' public notice. After the removal of all dead bodies from such burial grounds, the said land shall cease to be a cemetery or burial ground for all and any purpose whatsoever, and may be acquired by the municipality or school district thereof as other lands are acquired for municipal or school purposes.

Advertisement of hearing.

Proviso.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 115

AN ACT

To further amend section twelve of the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four (Pamphlet Laws, seventy-three), entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," by providing that corporations organized either for the supply, storage, or transportation of water and water power, or for the supply of light, heat, and power by means of electricity, and corporations formed by the merger or consolidation of such corporations, may subscribe for, take, purchase, hold, and dispose of the bonds and stock of any company of the same character, or may guarantee the payment of principal and interest of such bonds, or either principal or interest, or may lease and operate corporate property.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section twelve of the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four (Pamphlet Laws, seventy-three), entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," which was last amended by section one of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five (Pamphlet Laws, fifty-six), entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled 'A supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corpora-

Corporations.

Section 12, act of April 29, 1874 (P. L. 73), as last amended by act of March 24, 1905 (P. L. 56), further amended.

tions," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, further amending the twelfth section thereof so as to permit corporations organized thereunder, either for the purpose of carrying on any manufacturing business, or for the supply of water, or for the manufacture or supplying of light, to purchase bonds or stock of other corporations of the same character, or to guarantee the payment of interest and principal of such bonds, or either principal or interest, or to lease and operate corporate property,' approved the twenty-sixth day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, correcting errors therein and validating all acts done in pursuance thereof," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Stock to be deemed personal property.

Notes or obligations not to be payments.

Lawful for one company to hold bonds or stock of another company, etc.

Merged water and electric companies.

Proviso.

Section 12. The stock of every corporation created under the provisions of this statute shall be deemed personal property; and no shares shall be transferable until all previous calls thereon shall have been fully paid in, or shall have been declared forfeited for the non-payment of calls thereon. No note or obligation given by a stockholder, whether secured by pledge or otherwise, shall be considered as a payment of any part of the capital stock. It shall and may be lawful for any corporation, organized under the provisions of this act either for the purpose of carrying on any manufacturing business, or for the supply of water, or for the manufacture or supplying of light, *or for the supply, storage, or transportation of water and water power for commercial and manufacturing purposes, or for the supply of light, heat, and power by means of electricity, and corporations formed by the merger or consolidation of corporations organized for the supply, storage, or transportation of water and water power for commercial and manufacturing purposes with corporations organized for the supply of light, heat, and power by means of electricity,* to subscribe for, take, purchase, hold, and dispose of the bonds or stock of any company of the same character, incorporated under the provisions of this act or its supplements, or guarantee the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon, or either principal or interest, or to enter into contracts for the use or lease of the corporate property, real, personal or mixed, of such company, upon such terms as may be agreed upon with the company or companies owning the same, and to run, use and operate such property in accordance with such contract or lease: *Provided, That nothing herein contained shall enlarge or diminish the rights, powers, and duties of said corporation or companies, enumerated in this section, as affected by the Public Service Company Law, approved July twenty-sixth, one thousand nine hundred and*

*thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand three hundred seventy-four), and amendments thereof, in force on the date of the passage of this act.*

APPROVED—The 25th day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 116

AN ACT

Requiring certain legal proceedings against State officers to be instituted in the court of common pleas of Dauphin County.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That for the purposes of this act, the term "State officer," when used herein, shall mean the head of any administrative department or the chief executive officer of any independent administrative board or commission of the Commonwealth.

Practice.

"State officer," defined.

Section 2. All actions at law or in equity by which it shall be sought to compel a State officer to perform or to restrain him from performing any official act in the execution of the laws of the Commonwealth shall be instituted in the court of common pleas of Dauphin County, and, for such purpose, jurisdiction of all such actions is hereby conferred upon that court.

Actions to be instituted in common pleas of Dauphin County.

Jurisdiction.

Section 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 26th day of May, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 117

AN ACT

To amend section three of the act, approved the twenty-third day of April, one thousand nine hundred and three (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred seventy-four), entitled "An act defining the powers of the several courts of quarter sessions of the peace, within this Commonwealth, with reference to the care, treatment, and control of dependent, neglected, incorrigible, and delinquent children, under the age of sixteen years, and providing for the means in which such power may be exercised," as amended, providing that in counties having a population of less than one million inhabitants, the compensation of the probation officers shall be fixed by the judges of such courts and the county commissioners.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section three of the act, approved the twenty-third day of April, one

Courts of quarter sessions.