

incur any liability, in not presenting for payment or acceptance or collection such check, bill of exchange, draft, or promissory note, on that day: And provided further, That, in construing this section, every Saturday designated a half holiday shall, until twelve o'clock noon, be deemed a secular or business day; and the days and half days aforesaid, so designated as holidays and half holidays, shall be considered as public holidays and half holidays for all purposes whatsoever as regards the transaction of business, *except that any day or days appointed as a bank holiday shall be regarded as secular or business days for all other purposes than those mentioned in this act*: And provided further, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent or invalidate the entry, issuance, service, or execution of any writ, summons, confession of judgment, or other legal process whatever, on any of the holidays or half holidays herein designated as holidays; nor to prevent any bank from keeping its doors open or transacting its business, on any of the said Saturday afternoons, if, by a vote of its directors, it shall elect to do so, *unless such Saturday is appointed as a bank holiday under the provisions of this act*.

Holidays
for all
business
purposes.

Bank holidays
as secular
days.

Legal
proceedings.

Banks.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, and shall be retroactive to the third day of March, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three.

Effective
date.

APPROVED—The 13th day of April, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 34

AN ACT

Authorizing courts of common pleas to stay and adjourn the execution of certain writs in the hands of sheriffs; ratifying, confirming and validating the actions of courts in staying and adjourning the execution of such writs, and of sheriffs in obeying orders and decrees of courts, in accordance with a resolution of the General Assembly; and dispensing with the necessity of re-advertising and re-posting such writs.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly, by resolution duly adopted March eighth, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, authorized the several courts of common pleas to stay and adjourn, until a date not later than Monday, April third, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, the execution of certain writs in the hands of sheriffs because of the proclamation of the President of the United States restricting business transactions by financial institutions; therefore,

Preamble.

Executions.

Common
pleas courts
authorized to
stay or adjourn
certain writs.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the several courts of common pleas of the several counties of this Commonwealth shall have power to stay and adjourn, until a date not later than Monday, April third, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, the execution of all writs of fieri facias, levari facias, venditioni exponas, and all other writs requiring the levy and seizure of lands and tenements or personal property, now in the hands of sheriffs, wherein the return day of said writ or writs is prior to Monday, April third, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, and which writs, under existing laws, are required to be fully executed or returned before said date.

Court's action
validated.

The action of any court of common pleas of this Commonwealth in staying and adjourning the execution of any such writ or writs, or in extending the return day of such writs, or both, prior to the passage of this act but subsequent to the adoption of the resolution referred to in the preamble hereof, is hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid in law; and no such writ, so stayed or adjourned, shall hereafter be held to be invalid for the reason that the same was not fully executed in accordance with existing laws under which issued if such writ is fully executed on or before April third, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, in accordance with this act or said resolution referred to in the preamble hereof.

Writs not
required to
be re-advertised
or re-posted.

Section 2. No such writ, so stayed and adjourned in accordance with this act or said resolution, which prior to such stay and adjournment had been advertised and posted in accordance with existing law, shall be required to be re-advertised or re-posted, but the original advertising and posting shall be deemed sufficient compliance with law to effectuate the lawful execution of such writ as provided by this act or said resolution.

Sheriff's acts
validated.

Section 3. The action of each sheriff of the several counties of this Commonwealth in staying and adjourning the execution of any writ or writs, in accordance with any order of court made under the authority of the resolution referred to in the preamble hereof, is hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid in law; and no sheriff of any county shall be held liable, personally or on his bond, for his actions in staying and adjourning the execution of any writ or writs in accordance with any such order of court if such writ or writs are fully executed on or before April third, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, as provided by this act or said resolution.

When
effective.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 13th day of April, A. D. 1933.

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