

established, [unless otherwise] as may be provided by agreement between said county and the Secretary of Highways, and, in case the same is to be done by the Commonwealth, the cost thereof shall also be paid out of the Motor License Fund. Any moneys in the Motor License Fund necessary to make the payments required by this section are hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Highways.

Moneys appropriated.

Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as placing on the Commonwealth the payment of any damages or costs incident to the change of width, lines, or location of any State highway where such highway was widened or the lines or location changed prior to the date this act takes effect, but all such damages and costs shall be paid by the county, in the manner provided by this act, as if the county had agreed thereto as herein provided.

Construction of act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

Effective date.

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

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 33

AN ACT

To further amend section one of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred ninety-three (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred eighty-eight), entitled "An act designating the days and half days to be observed as legal holidays, and for the payment, acceptance, and protesting of bills, notes, drafts, checks, and other negotiable paper on such days," by authorizing bank holidays during State and National financial crises.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred ninety-three (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred eighty-eight), entitled "An act designating the days and half days to be observed as legal holidays, and for the payment, acceptance, and protesting of bills, notes, drafts, checks, and other negotiable paper on such days," as last amended by the act, approved the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, seventy-three), entitled "An act to amend section one of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred eighty-eight), entitled 'An act designating the days and half days to be observed as legal holidays, and for the payment, acceptance, and protesting of bills, notes, drafts, checks, and other negotiable paper on such days,' as

Legal holidays.

Section 1. act of May 31, 1893 (P. L. 188) as last amended by act of March 31, 1921 (P. L. 73), further amended.

amended," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Holidays
enumerated.

Saturdays.

Thanksgiving
Day.

Bank holidays.

Negotiable
instruments.

Proviso.

Saturdays.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the following days and half days, namely: The first day of January, commonly called New Year's Day; the twelfth day of February, known as Lincoln's birthday; the twenty-second day of February, known as Washington's birthday; Good Friday; the thirtieth day of May, known as Memorial Day; the fourth day of July, called Independence Day; the first Monday of September, known as Labor Day; the twelfth day of October, known as Columbus Day; the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, Election Day; the eleventh Day of November, known as Armistice Day; the twenty-fifth day of December, known as Christmas Day; and every Saturday, after twelve o'clock noon until twelve o'clock midnight, each of which Saturdays is hereby designated a half holiday; and any day appointed or recommended by the Governor of this State or the President of the United States as a day of thanksgiving or fasting and prayer or other religious observance; *and in the event of a financial crisis in the State or Nation, any day or days appointed by the Governor of this State or the President of the United States as a bank holiday*,—shall, for all purposes whatever as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance, and as regards the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor, of bills of exchange, checks, drafts, and promissory notes, made after the passage of this act, be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and as public holidays and half holidays; and all such bills, checks, drafts, and notes, otherwise presentable for acceptance or payment on any of the said days, shall be deemed to be payable and be presentable for acceptance or payment on the secular or business day next succeeding such holiday or half holiday; except checks, drafts, bills of exchange, and promissory notes, payable at sight or on demand, which would otherwise be payable on any half holiday Saturday, shall be deemed to be payable at or before twelve o'clock noon of such half holiday: Provided, however, That for the purpose of protesting or otherwise holding liable any party to any bill of exchange, check, draft, or promissory note, and which shall not have been paid before twelve o'clock noon of any Saturday designated a half holiday as aforesaid, a demand for acceptance or payment thereof shall not be made, and notice of protest or dishonor thereof shall not be given, until the next succeeding secular or business day: And provided further, That when any person, firm, corporation or company shall, on any Saturday designated a half holiday, receive for collection any check, bill of exchange, draft, or promissory note, such person, firm, corporation, or company shall not be deemed guilty of any neglect or omission of duty, nor

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.