county treasurer's sale may be had for such taxes at any time when a treasurer's sale is held, or on any day to which said sale may be adjourned or readjourned in the manner provided by existing law: Provided, however, That the return of any tax under this act shall not revive or re-establish any tax lien against real estate which was transferred to any bona fide purchaser during the time when any such lien was lost, nor shall such return affect the priority of the lien of any mortgage or other lien which was entered prior to the tax lien, or which gained priority because of the failure of the collector to return the tax at the regular time.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Act effective

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with

the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

## No. 219

## AN ACT

Providing for the temporary appointment of policemen in boroughs, incorporated towns and townships of the first class, for a limited period, without conferring civil service status upon the appointees.

Whereas, temporary emergency exists by reason of the entry of policemen into the armed forces of the United States, and the practical impossibility of obtaining suitable substitutes within the standards fixed under present civil service laws and regulations established thereunder, therefore

Policemen.

Civil service requirements relaxed during war emergency in boroughs, incorporated towns and townships of the first class. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. That the councils of boroughs, incorporated towns and the township commissioners of townships of the first class, may fill vacancies or add to the police force during the duration of the war and six months thereafter, without regard to the requirements of any civil service act, such appointments to terminate six months after the end of the war, or sooner, if the men displaced are available and request reinstatement (in which case they shall be so reinstated) for duty, and shall confer no civil service status upon the appointees.

Nothing in this act shall nullify or disturb the civil service status conferred upon police officers appointed prior to the passage of this act through the operation of

the act, approved the fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws, eighty-four).

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

## No. 220

## AN ACT

To amend section seventeen of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred sixty-three), entitled "An act relating to the organization, jurisdiction, and procedure of the orphans'\* courts; the powers and duties of the judges thereof; and appeals therefrom," by prescribing procedure in cases affecting the interest of any lunatic, weak-minded person, presumed decedent or any person who may be unknown or unborn, or under disability, or out of the jurisdiction under such circumstances that actual notice cannot reasonably be given to such person.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section seventeen of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred sixty-three), entitled "An act relating to the organization, jurisdiction, and procedure of the orphans" courts, the powers and duties of the judges thereof; and appeals therefrom," is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection, to read as follows:

(j) In all cases in which proceedings may be had in any orphans' court affecting the interest of any lunatic, weak-minded person, presumed decedent or any person who may be unknown or unborn or under disability or out of the jurisdiction, under such circumstances that actual notice cannot reasonably be given to such person, the orphans'\*\* court of the county in which such proceedings may be pending, or intended, shall have the power, either on its own motion or on petition of any person or fiduciary interested, to appoint a trustee ad litem, for such person. Notice of such proceedings served upon or accepted by such trustee ad litem, shall have the same force and effect as though personally served upon or accepted by the person for whom such trustee was appointed: Provided, however, That nothing herein contained shall be considered as

Orphans'

Section 17, act of June 7, 1917, P. L. 363, amended by adding subsection (j).

When notice cannot be given certain persons, court may appoint a trustee ad litem.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;orphans" in original.
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