

wealth; third, taxes and [costs due thereon; fourth,] municipal claims and costs due thereon; and [fifth] fourth, any balance remaining to whomsoever entitled thereto.

Act effective immediately.

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

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 205

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws 198), entitled "An act to establish a county court for the county of Allegheny, and prescribing its powers and duties; regulating the procedure therein, and providing for the expenses thereof," by enlarging the jurisdiction of said court in certain cases of appeals and making said jurisdiction exclusive.

Courts.

Section 6, act of May 5, 1911, P. L. 198, as amended by act of April 2, 1913, P. L. 21, and as amended in part by acts of April 24, 1935, P. L. 51, July 28, 1941, P. L. 515, April 10, 1945, P. L. 183, and April 10, 1945, P. L. 184, further amended.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 6 of the act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws 198), entitled "An act to establish a county court for the county of Allegheny, and prescribing its powers and duties; regulating the procedure therein, and providing for the expenses thereof," as amended by the act, approved the second day of April, one thousand nine hundred thirteen (Pamphlet Laws 21), and as amended in part by the acts approved the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws 51), the twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws 515), the tenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 183), and the tenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 184), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Jurisdiction of county court of Allegheny County.

Section 6. The court hereby created shall have jurisdiction:

(a) In all civil actions wherein only a money judgment is sought to be recovered, and in all actions of replevin in which the sum demanded or the value of the property replevied does not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars, except in cases where the title to lands or tenements may come in question.

(b) In all proceedings brought against any husband or father, wherein it is charged that he has, without reasonable cause, separated himself from his wife or children, or from both, or has neglected to maintain his

wife or children; and in all proceedings where any child of full age has neglected or shall neglect to maintain his or her parents, not able to work or of sufficient ability to maintain themselves. The court shall have authority to issue writs of habeas corpus in all proceedings provided for in this clause.

(c) In all cases of appeals from summary convictions and from judgments in suits for a penalty before a magistrate or court not of record, as provided by law.

[(d) The jurisdiction hereby conferred in clauses (b) and (c) shall be exclusive.]

(e) In cases where money has been paid into court, or the court acquires control over specific personal property, and conflicting claims arise thereto, the court may add to the record parties interested by voluntary intervention or by service of process, and may cause the necessary parties to interplead, for the purpose of determining their respective rights, and the money or property in question shall thereupon be paid or delivered over to the person found to be entitled thereto. The parties shall file such statements of their respective claims as may be necessary to define the issue as the court may, by rule or otherwise, prescribe. The court shall have power to require the parties to such interpleader to stay proceedings in this or other courts until such interpleader is finally determined. The court shall have power to order such sale or disposition of property or money within its control as may seem proper, either pending such interpleader or after its determination.

(f) In all such civil actions as may be transferred to it by order of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, upon consent of counsel for all parties, where the sum demanded or the value of the property replevied does not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, except in cases where the title to lands or tenements may come in question.

(g) In all cases involving the support of a child born out of wedlock, where the father admits parentage, and where he is willing to support the child.

(h) *In all cases of appeal by any person whose operator's license or learner's permit has been suspended or who has been deprived of the privilege of applying for an operator's license or learner's permit under the provisions of section six hundred sixteen of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," and its amendments.*

(i) *In all cases of appeal from the Board of Property Assessment, Appeals and Review in counties of the second class, where the amount of taxes for one year which may be levied on the assessment in controversy does not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars.*

(j) *In all cases of appeal from the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.*

(k) *In all cases of appeal from zoning boards or commissions or boards of adjustment or boards of appeals under the various zoning laws of counties, cities, boroughs and townships, where appeals to courts of common pleas are now provided for by law.*

(l) *In all cases of appeal from decisions of the receiver of school taxes or school treasurer in the administration and enforcement of the act of Assembly imposing a mercantile license tax for school purposes in school districts of the first class A.*

(m) *In all cases of appeal from the Civil Service Board or Commission of any city, borough or township, where appeals are provided for by existing law.*

(n) *The jurisdiction hereby conferred in clauses (b), (c), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m) shall be exclusive within the territorial limits of its jurisdiction.*

*All cases of appeals, except those appeals specified in clause (i) of this section, instituted in the court of common pleas pursuant to the authority of the existing law, which are pending and undisposed of in said court at the time this amendment takes effect, together with all other decrees or judgments, are hereby transferred to the county court. The said county court is hereby authorized to hear, determine and dispose of the cases hereby transferred, and shall have full power and authority to enforce any and all orders, decrees or judgments heretofore entered in such cases by the court of common pleas, with the same power and effect as if such cases had been originally instituted in the county court.*

Said act amended by adding, after section 14 thereof, a new section 14.1.

Section 2. Said act is hereby amended by adding, after section 14 thereof, a new section to read as follows:

*Section 14.1. Except as modified by this act or by its own rules duly adopted by a majority of the judges, the practice and procedure shall be the same in the county court in all matters of which it has jurisdiction as in similar cases brought and determined in the courts of common pleas of the county of Allegheny.*

APPROVED—The 6th day of July, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 206

AN ACT

To further amend section 12 of the act, approved the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 626), entitled "An act providing for and regulating the assessment and valuation of all subjects of taxation in counties of the second class; creating and prescribing the powers and duties of a Board of Property Assessment, Appeals and Review;