

## No. 32

## AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1019), entitled "An act relating to statutory laws; prescribing an enacting clause for statutes; fixing the effective date and time of statutes hereafter enacted; providing for notice of application for local and special legislation, for the correction of errors in statutes, and for the printing and publication of statutes; prescribing rules for the interpretation of statutes; defining certain words and phrases when used in statutes; and prescribing rules for the construction and operation of amendments, re-enactments and repeals of statutes," by changing provisions relating to the effective date of laws affecting the budgets of political subdivisions; further providing for the correction of errors; and providing for the construction of references to certain laws which are repealed.

"Statutory Construction Act."

Section 4, act of May 28, 1937, P. L. 1019, as last amended by act of August 24, 1951, P. L. 1427, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1019), entitled "An act relating to statutory laws; prescribing an enacting clause for statutes; fixing the effective date and time of statutes hereafter enacted; providing for notice of application for local and special legislation, for the correction of errors in statutes, and for the printing and publication of statutes; prescribing rules for the interpretation of statutes; defining certain words and phrases when used in statutes; and prescribing rules for the construction and operation of amendments, re-enactments and repeals of statutes," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1427), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 4. **Effective Date and Time of Laws.**—All laws hereafter enacted finally at a regular session of the Legislature, except laws making appropriations, and except laws affecting the budget of any political subdivision, shall be in full force and effect from and after the first day of September next following their final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the law itself, or if enacted finally after the first day of September of the year of the regular session, or after the date specified in the law, the same shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Appropriations, laws, or laws having appropriation items, enacted finally at a regular session of the Legislature, shall be in full force and effect from and after the first day of June next following their final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the law itself,

or unless any such appropriation law or law having an appropriation item is enacted finally after the first day of June in any year, in which case it shall be in full force and effect immediately upon final enactment.

Laws affecting the budget of any political subdivision, enacted finally at a regular session of the Legislature, shall be in full force and effect at the beginning of the fiscal year of the political subdivisions affected following the date of the final enactment of such law unless a different date is specified in the law itself [, or if enacted finally after the beginning of such fiscal year, or after the date specified in the law, the same shall become effective immediately upon final enactment].

All laws enacted finally at a special or extraordinary session of the Legislature, shall be in full force and effect immediately upon final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the law itself.

Section 2. Sections 23 and 82 of said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sections 23 and  
82, said act,  
amended.

Section 23. Correction of Errors in Laws.—Where any law shall have been finally enacted and it shall be ascertained that such law is technically defective in form, or contains misspelled words or typographical errors, or the plural or singular number, or the past, present or future tense appears where another should be used, or where a word clearly intended to be inserted has been omitted, *or where a word clearly should have been omitted*, or where a word is correctly spelled but it clearly appears that another word was intended, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in punctuating and editing such law, shall have authority, with the approval of the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, and the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, to correct the original copy of such law, as filed in the Department of State, if such correction will not in any manner affect or change the meaning, intent or substance of such law.

Whenever any such correction on any law is made, a notation thereof shall be made on the original copy by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, together with his signature, followed by the approval and signatures of the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, and the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

A notation of such corrections shall also be printed in the pamphlet laws as footnotes to the laws on which the corrections were made.

Section 82. Repeal and Re-enactment.—Whenever a law is repealed and its provisions are at the same time re-enacted in the same or substantially the same terms

by the repealing law, the earlier law shall be construed as continued in active operation, and a reference to the earlier law in any other law shall be construed as a reference to the repealing law. All rights and liabilities incurred under such earlier law are preserved and may be enforced.

Act effective immediately.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

---

No. 33

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1019), entitled "An act relating to statutory laws; prescribing an enacting clause for statutes; fixing the effective date and time of statutes hereafter enacted; providing for notice of application for local and special legislation, for the correction of errors in statutes, and for the printing and publication of statutes; prescribing rules for the interpretation of statutes; defining certain words and phrases when used in statutes; and prescribing rules for the construction and operation of amendments, re-enactments and repeals of statutes," by clarifying the effect of amendments upon each other and extending the same to previous enactments.

"Statutory Construction Act."

Sections 74, 75 and 77, act of May 28, 1937, P. L. 1019, amended.

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

Section 1. Sections 74, 75 and 77 of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1019), entitled "An act relating to statutory laws; prescribing an enacting clause for statutes; fixing the effective date and time of statutes hereafter enacted; providing for notice of application for local and special legislation, for the correction of errors in statutes, and for the printing and publication of statutes; prescribing rules for the interpretation of statutes; defining certain words and phrases when used in statutes; and prescribing rules for the construction and operation of amendments, re-enactments and repeals of statutes," are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 74. Merger of Subsequent Amendments.—Whenever a law has been more than once amended, the latest amendment shall be read into the original law as previously amended and not into such law as originally enacted. *This rule applies whether or not the previous amendment is referred to and whether or not its*