

or without escheat, it shall be lawful for him to convert such property into cash in the following manner: The Secretary shall, in the best interests of the Commonwealth, determine whether the various items of property shall be sold singly or in lots. He then shall advertise once a week for the period of at least three weeks in three newspapers of general circulation, one in Dauphin County, one in Philadelphia County, and one in Allegheny County, respectively, describing the said property, stating a time at which it shall be available for inspection, and specifying a date at which bids will be received for the sale thereof. Upon receipt of one or more bids, the Secretary shall sell said property to the highest bidder, but the Secretary may decline to accept any or all bids for the reason that he deems them to be inadequate: *Provided, That securities traded on any stock exchange may be sold by the Secretary at the market price of such securities on the date of sale without advertising or the receipt of bids therefor.* Upon the sale of such property the purchaser shall take an absolute title, and should the property consist of registered securities, the person, partnership or corporation issuing the same shall make a proper transfer on its books. The proceeds of such sale shall be paid into the State Treasury. If the property in question comes into the possession of the Secretary of Revenue without escheat, the proceeds from the sale thereof shall be subject to refund in conformity with the provisions of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for the payment into the State Treasury, without escheat, of certain moneys and property, subject to escheat under the provisions of any act of the General Assembly; and for the refund thereof with interest to persons entitled thereto, and making an appropriation for such refund," its amendments and supplements, but any money paid into the State Treasury in any such case shall be paid into it through the Department of Revenue.

Act effective  
immediately.

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

APPROVED—The 28th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 197

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Execu-

tive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," by adding to the Department of Labor and Industry an Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped and providing for its organization, powers and duties.

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

"The Administrative Code of 1929."

Section 1. As much as applies to the Department of Labor and Industry of section 202 of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," as last amended by the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 867), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

As much as applies to Department of Labor and Industry of section 202, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, as last amended by act of May 2, 1949, P. L. 867, further amended.

Section 202. Departmental Administrative Boards, Commissions, and Offices.—The following boards, commissions, and offices are hereby placed and made departmental administrative boards, commissions, or offices, as the case may be, in the respective administrative departments mentioned in the preceding section, as follows:

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In the Department of Labor and Industry,  
 Workmen's Compensation Board,  
 Workmen's Compensation Referees,  
 State Workmen's Insurance Board,  
 The Industrial Board,  
 Unemployment Compensation Board of Review,  
 Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board,  
*Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped;*

Section 203,  
 said act, as last  
 amended by acts  
 of May 2, 1949,  
 P. L. 867, and  
 May 23, 1949,  
 P. L. 1695,  
 further amended.

Section 2. Section 203 of said act, as last amended by the acts, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlets Laws 867), and the twenty-third day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1695), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 203. Advisory Boards and Commissions.—The following advisory boards and commissions are placed in and made parts of the respective administrative departments, as follows:

In the Department of Military Affairs,  
 State Military Reservation Commission,  
 State Veterans' Commission;

In the Department of Forests and Waters,  
 State Forest Commission,  
 Flood Control Commission;

In the Department of Health,  
 Advisory Health Board;

*In the Department of Labor and Industry,*  
 Industrial Board,  
*Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped;*

In the Department of Welfare,  
 State Welfare Commission;

In the Department of Property and Supplies,  
 General Galusha-Pennypacker Monument Commission.

Said act further  
 amended by  
 adding, after  
 section 462  
 thereof, a new  
 section numbered  
 463.

Section 3. Said act is hereby further amended by adding, after section \*462 thereof, a new section to read as follows:

*Section \*\*463. Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped.—The Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped shall consist of nine members who shall be named by the Governor, three of whom shall be representative of employers, three as representatives of bona fide labor organizations having State-wide or national membership, and three who are themselves physically handicapped, from bona fide organizations of the physically handicapped.*

*The Secretary of the State Department of Labor shall be ex officio chairman of said advisory council.*

\* "461" in original.  
 \*\* "462" in original.

*The terms of the members shall be for three years from the dates of their respective appointments.*

*Five members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum. Each member of the Advisory Council shall be paid travelling expenses and other necessary expenses, and per diem compensation at the rate of fifteen dollars per day for each day of actual service.*

*The Advisory Council shall meet not less than twice yearly or oftener on the call of the chairman.*

Section 4. Said act is hereby further amended by adding, after section 2209, a new section to read as follows:

Said act further amended by adding, after section 2209, a new section numbered 2209.1.

*Section 2209.1. The Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped.—The Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped shall have the power and its duties shall be to act in an advisory capacity to all agencies of the State government dealing with the problems of the physically handicapped, including the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, the State Employment Service and the State Council of the Blind, and any other agency having a substantial part of the handicapped program, with a view of coordinating and improving these services so as to render better service to the handicapped and to effectuate as far as possible greater economy in the operation of these State services.*

Section 5. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 198

AN ACT

Empowering a court in which is pending an action on behalf of the estate of a decedent to make an order approving a compromise or settlement of such action; and to approve an agreement for counsel fees and other proper expenses incident to such action; and providing that the order of such court shall not be collaterally attacked in the Orphans' Court having jurisdiction of the accounts of the personal representative of such decedent's estate; and requiring such personal representative to file a copy of such order in the office of the Register of Wills and to enter additional security in certain cases.

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

Decedents' estates.

Section 1. Whenever it is desired to compromise or settle an action in which damages are sought to be recovered on behalf of the estate of a decedent, any court in which such action is pending and which has jurisdiction thereof may, upon oral motion by plaintiff's

Compromise or settlement of suit by court order.