

Act effective
immediately.
Applicability
of act.

Section 6. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment; and shall apply to any money or other property of any beneficiary not distributed prior to that date.

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

JOHN S. FINE

No. 210

AN ACT

Providing for the observance of March fifteenth of each year as Charter Day.

Charter Day.

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

Proclamation by
Governor.

Section 1. The Governor shall issue annually his Proclamation designating and setting apart March fifteenth as Charter Day and calling upon the people of the Commonwealth, the public schools and other educational institutions and patriotic, religious, historical and veterans' organizations to observe the anniversary of the execution of the Royal Charter by King Charles II on the fifteenth day of March, one thousand six hundred eighty-one, thereby creating the corporate legal existence of Pennsylvania, with appropriate exercises and programs, to the end that the establishment or birthday of Pennsylvania shall be commemorated each year.

Observance.

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

No. 211

AN ACT

Authorizing acknowledgments and affidavits by persons on active duty with the armed forces of the United States before persons authorized by act of Congress to act as notaries public; and validating certain acknowledgments and affidavits.

Notaries public.

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

Section 1. Any written instrument may be acknowledged or any affidavit may be made by any person executing the same or swearing or affirming thereto, while on active duty with the armed forces of the United States, before a person having powers of a notary public under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifty, Chapter 169, section one, 64 Statutes 143, USC Title 50, section 732. Any such instrument in writing so acknowledged or sworn or affirmed to and certified under the hand of such person acting as a notary public may be offered in evidence without further proof; and if it relates to, concerns or conveys any interest in lands, it may be recorded in the recorder's office of the county or counties where such lands lie, and the record of the same shall be constructive notice of all matters contained therein; and such record or exemplification of the same, duly certified, shall be legal evidence in all cases in which the original would be competent evidence.

Section 2. Any acknowledgment of a written instrument or any affidavit heretofore made by any person executing the same or swearing or affirming thereto, while on active duty with the armed forces of the United States, before and certified by any person authorized to act as a notary public under Article 114 of the Articles of War, as amended by the Act of Congress, approved the fourteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred forty-two, Chapter 730, 56 Statutes 1050, USC Title 10, section one thousand five hundred eighty-six, or under the Act of Congress, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifty, Chapter 169, section one, 64 Statutes 143, USC Title 50, section seven hundred thirty-two, during the period he was so authorized, is hereby validated, notwithstanding the fact that at the time he so acted he was not authorized to act as a notary public under the laws of Pennsylvania. All instruments in writing so acknowledged or sworn or affirmed to and certified may be offered in evidence without further proof; and if such instrument so acknowledged and certified conveys or relates to or concerns any interest in lands, it may be recorded in the recorder's office of the county or counties where such lands lie, and the record of same made before or after the passage of this act shall be constructive notice of all matters contained therein; and such record or exemplification of same, duly certified, shall be legal evidence in all cases in which the original would be competent evidence.

Section 3. The act, approved the eighteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws 136), entitled "An act authorizing certain officers

Acknowledgments and affidavits by persons on active duty with armed forces of United States before persons authorized by Act of Congress to act as notaries public authorized.

Instruments so acknowledged, etc., may be offered in evidence.

Instruments relating to, etc., interest in lands.

Certain prior acknowledgments and affidavits validated.

Act of June 18, 1941, P. L. 136, and its amendments, repealed.

on active duty with the armed forces of the United States to act as notaries public, and requiring certification of their authority," and its amendments, are hereby repealed.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

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

JOHN S. FINE

No. 212

AN ACT

To further amend sections 4 and 8 of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 207), entitled "An act providing when, how, upon what property, and to what extent, liens shall be allowed for taxes and for municipal improvements, for the removal of nuisances, and for water rents or rates, sewer rates, and lighting rates; for the procedure upon claims filed therefor; the methods for preserving such liens and enforcing payment of such claims; the effect of judicial sales of the properties liened; the distribution of the proceeds of such sales, and the redemption of the property therefrom; for the lien and collection of certain taxes heretofore assessed, and of claims for municipal improvements made and nuisances removed, within six months before the passage of this act; and for the procedure on tax and municipal claims filed under other and prior acts of Assembly," by authorizing the assignment by municipal authorities organized by cities of the second class of their municipal claims and liens to and the purchase thereof by cities, boroughs and townships in which the property subject to such municipal claims or liens is located.

Municipal liens.

Sections 4 and 8, act of May 16, 1923, P. L. 207, as last amended by act of January 14, 1952, P. L. 1921, further amended.

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

Section 1. Sections 4 and 8 of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 207), entitled "An act providing when, how, upon what property, and to what extent, liens shall be allowed for taxes and for municipal improvements, for the removal of nuisances, and for water rents or rates, sewer rates, and lighting rates; for the procedure upon claims filed therefor; the methods for preserving such liens and enforcing payment of such claims; the effect of judicial sales of the properties liened; the distribution of the proceeds of such sales, and the redemption of the property therefrom; for the lien and collection of certain taxes heretofore assessed, and of claims for municipal improvements made and nuisances removed, within six months before the passage of this act; and for the procedure on tax and municipal claims filed under other and prior acts of Assembly," as