

No. 369

AN ACT

Providing for filing in the prothonotary's office of letters of attorney; authorizing acts related to instruments or judgments filed therein and revocations thereof; the establishment of a letter of attorney docket, and certifying copies and their admissibility in evidence; and prescribing fees and penalties.

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

Section 1. All letters of attorney authorizing acts related to instruments or judgments filed in the prothonotary's office shall, when acknowledged before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments in this Commonwealth, be filed in the office of the prothonotary in the county where the powers conferred by such letters are to be exercised. Certified copies thereof shall be received in evidence in the courts of this Commonwealth.

Section 2. The prothonotary shall establish a docket to be known as the "Letter of Attorney Docket." He shall enter therein notations concerning the subject matter and the place of filing of such letters in his office. Every grantor of such letters shall be assigned an individual number and all subsequent letters and revocations of such grantor shall be entered under that number. The prothonotary shall, upon written notice of revocation of the letters by the grantor thereof, note on the cover of the original letters and in the docket the fact of such revocation, together with the name of the person receiving the new letters, if any.

Section 3. All attorneys in fact under such letters shall be required to personally present them to the prothonotary and to sign the docket on the page wherein the notations regarding such letters are entered; if an attorney in fact is unable to personally appear and sign the docket, his properly verified signature shall appear in the letter of attorney.

Section 4. The prothonotary shall establish a file for the reception and safe-keeping of the letters of attorney and the orders of revocation of such letters, and shall preserve them in accordance with the law regarding other records entrusted to his office.

Section 5. The cost of providing and maintaining the docket and filing systems shall be paid out of the county treasury upon warrants drawn by the county commissioners.

Section 6. All letters of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the grantor thereof delivers a written revocation thereof to the prothonotary.

Letters of attorney.

Filing in prothonotary's office.

Prothonotary to establish "Letter of Attorney Docket."

Attorneys in fact required to sign docket.

Filing and preserving records.

County to pay cost of docket and filing system.

Letters of attorney in full force and effect until revoked.

Letters of attorney heretofore recorded.

Section 7. All letters of attorney heretofore recorded in the recorder of deeds office relating to instruments and judgments filed in the prothonotary's office shall be copied and certified by the recorder of deeds and filed in the prothonotary's office, as provided in this act, together with a notation as to the page and volume number of their original recordation in the recorder of deeds office.

Prothonotary's fees.

Section 8. The prothonotary shall be compensated for his services by charging a fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for filing of letters of attorney, and a fee of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for the filing of revocations thereof.

Penalty for violations.

Section 9. Any prothonotary or recorder of deeds who shall hereafter fail to comply with the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500).

Act effective January 1, 1954.

Section 10. The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 370

AN ACT

Prescribing the fees to be received by the clerks of orphans' courts of counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth class.

Counties of 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th class.

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

Fees of clerks of orphans' courts in such counties.

Section 1. The following fees shall be received by the clerks of orphans' courts in counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth class:

Accounts: Filing, recording, and setting up printed copies of advertisement of accounts of trustees and guardians, including certificate of the clerk:

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| First page, double space typewriting | \$11.00 |
| Each additional page, double space typewriting | 1.00 |
| First page, single space typewriting | 12.00 |
| Each additional page, single space typewriting | 2.00 |
| Release attached to account, recording, either single or double space (1 page) | 2.00 |
| Each additional page, either single or double space | 2.00 |