

officer, or warden, and shall cause such person to be arrested and brought before such alderman, magistrate, or justice of the peace, who shall hear and determine the guilt or innocence of the person or persons so charged.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 66

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," increasing the amount in controversy which may be referred to arbitration.

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

Section 1. Section 8.1, act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," amended July 22, 1955 (P. L. 270), is amended to read: Section 8.1, act of June 16, 1836, P. L. 715, amended July 22, 1955, P. L. 270, further amended.

Section 8.1. The several courts of common pleas may, by rules of court, provide that all cases which are at issue where the amount in controversy shall be [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] *two thousand dollars (\$2,000)* or less, except those involving title to real estate, shall first be submitted to and heard by a board of three (3) members of the bar within the judicial district. Cases which are not at issue and whether or not suit has been filed may be referred to the board of arbitration by agreement \*of reference signed by counsel for both sides in the case. Said agreement of reference shall define the issues involved for determination by the board and, when agreeable, shall also contain stipulations with respect to facts submitted or agreed or defenses waived. In such cases, the agreement of reference shall take the place of the pleadings in the case and be filed of record.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1957.

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\* "or" in original.