

(15) Section 1210, act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), known as "The Game Law."

(16) Section 506, act of April 6, 1951 (P. L. 69), known as "The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951."

(17) The act of May 17, 1956 (P. L. 1626), entitled "An act limiting in certain cases the right of appeal to the court of common pleas from decisions of magistrates, aldermen and justices of the peace."

(18) Section 278, act of December 15, 1959 (P. L. 1779), known as "The Fish Law of 1959."

Section 8. General Repeal.—All other acts and parts of acts, general, local, and special, are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

Section 9. Effective Date.—This act shall take effect January 1, 1969.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of December, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 356

AN ACT

SB 1762

Amending the act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," implementing Article V of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and increasing the amount of arbitration by the Courts of Common Pleas in Allegheny and Philadelphia Counties.

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

Section 1. Section 8.1, act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," amended July 31, 1968 (P. L. 888), is amended to read:

Section 8.1. The several courts of common pleas [, and the County Court of Allegheny County], other than those in Allegheny and Philadelphia Counties, may, by rules of court, provide that all cases which are at issue where the amount in controversy shall be 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. [The County Court of Philadelphia may also by such rules fix any amount not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) as the amount in controversy up to which such submissions shall be required.] The Court of Common Pleas of

Allegheny County and the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County may also by such rules severally fix any amount not more than three thousands dollars (\$3,000) exclusive of interest and costs as the amount in controversy up to which such submissions shall be

required. 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.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1969.

APPROVED—The 2d day of December, A. D. 1968.

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No. 357

AN ACT

SB 1763

Establishing the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County and the divisions thereof conformably to the Constitution as amended in 1968; providing for the judges and president judges of the said court and the divisions thereof and defining the effect of this act on certain liens heretofore entered.

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

Section 1. Definitions.—As used in this act—

“Present” or “present jurisdiction” refers to a court, to a judge of a court or to the jurisdiction of a court in existence on December 31, 1968.

“Judiciary Article” means the Judiciary Article of the Constitution approved April 23, 1968.

Section 2. Court Divisions.—The Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County established by the Judiciary Article shall consist of a civil division, a criminal division, an orphans’ court division and a family division. The present courts of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery and quarter sessions of the peace, and the present county court, orphans’ court and juvenile court are abolished and their present jurisdiction shall be exercised by the court of common pleas.