

## CHAPTER MMDXIII.

AN ACT TO ENABLE PERSONS APPOINTED TO OFFICES OF PUBLIC TRUST TO RECOVER OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS APPURTENANT TO THE SAID OFFICES FROM PERSONS DETAINING THE SAME.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That in all cases where any person has been or hereafter shall be appointed to any office of public trust or employment, it shall be his duty, and it is hereby enjoined upon him to call upon the person or persons who held the offices immediately before his appointment, or upon the heirs, executors or administrators of such person or persons, and receive from him or them all records, books, draughts, plans, papers, seals or other official documents, which to such office or appointment belonged, or of right appertained.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the person or persons in whose hands or possession any such records, books, draughts, plans, papers, seals or other official documents shall or may remain, shall refuse to deliver up the same, upon the reasonable request of any person legally commissioned to such office or appointment, the said officer shall forthwith apply to a justice of the peace, who shall issue process for such person or persons so refusing, and shall cause them, either by sufficient bail or commitment, to appear at the next court of quarter sessions for the proper county, there to be proceeded against by way of indictment for the offense aforesaid.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person legally convicted by verdict of a jury, of detaining from any person duly commissioned to any office or appointment, any records, books, draughts, plans, papers, seals or other documents, to such office or appointment belonging, or in any wise appertaining

after reasonable demand made, the court before whom such verdict is given, shall sentence such person to be committed in close custody, in the jail of the proper county, there to remain without bail or main-prize, until such papers so found by verdict to be in his, her or their possession, shall be delivered to the proper officer, and shall moreover pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars; one half to be paid to the officer, from whom the documents were detained, and the other half to the use of the commonwealth.

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##### AN ACT DIRECTING THE REGISTER GENERAL AND STATE TREASURER TO EXHIBIT PRINTED STATEMENTS OF THEIR ACCOUNTS.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, it shall be the duty of the register general and state treasurer, respectively, to cause six hundred copies of their annual statements to be printed in the English language, and in lieu of the written statements heretofore made, deliver the same to the clerk of the house of representatives, on the fourth Monday of December annually, the expense of said printing to be paid out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury of this commonwealth, on warrants drawn by the governor, as in other cases: Provided, that the expense of the printing of the said statements shall not exceed twenty dollars per sheet.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of any former law or laws as are hereby altered or supplied, be and the same are hereby repealed.

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