

# NEW LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

## A Brief Outline of Acts of the General Assembly of 1913 As Approved by the Governor

- No. 162. Defines, regulates and licenses places of public amusement.
- No. 163. In actions by landlords requiring tenants to vacate, when service cannot be made in the usual way, summons may be posted on the building in a conspicuous place.
- No. 164. Regulates plastering in cities of the first and second class.
- No. 165. Prohibits the use of night-soil in gardens where are grown vegetables to be eaten uncooked.
- No. 166. County Controllers in counties of 260,000 to 800,000 shall appoint a solicitor to advise on legal matters and to conduct litigation. Salary \$2,000.
- No. 167. Relates to assessments.
- No. 168. Concerns the disposition of church funds, giving the lay members full control, except certain funds.
- No. 169. Costs for maintenance of goods and chattels taken by the sheriff on attachments or execution shall be paid by the person securing the writ, but afterwards to become a part of the costs in the case.
- No. 170. Pawnbrokers and other dealers are required to point out to officers, when requested, property of others in their possession.
- No. 171. Makes it a misdemeanor for a minor to represent himself to be of age for the purpose of obtaining intoxicants.
- No. 172. Each township treasurer shall within one month after receiving the tax list notify every taxable on the list, giving the rate of taxation, valuation and full amount of taxes for the current year. The notice shall state when taxes are payable and the time and place of payment. Notice to be mailed to last known address.
- No. 173. The fiscal year in cities of the second class shall begin January 1.
- No. 174. Voters in the service of the State or National Government may register in cities of the first and second class by affidavit, without appearing in person.
- No. 175. Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to compile a list of obsolete and repealed laws for the General Assembly, and appropriates \$30,000.
- No. 176. Repeals the act for the protection of wild turkeys and squirrels in Huntingdon county.
- No. 177. Fixes the compensation of the auditor appointed to settle the accounts of public officers in the several counties.
- No. 178. Amends the law requiring audits of public accounts by excepting school districts.
- No. 179. Requires an election for appropriations by townships of the first class and boroughs, for the purchase of park grounds, where the aggregate shall exceed in three years one and one-half mills on assessed valuation.
- No. 180. Makes all dogs of four months old taxable.
- No. 181. Authorizes counties of 800,000 to 1,400,000 to purchase ground for parks and public comfort stations.
- No. 182. Counties of 750,000 to 1,200,000 may establish and maintain schools for the education of male children under the jurisdiction of juvenile courts.
- No. 183. Provides for parole of boys from schools under the jurisdiction of juvenile courts in counties of 750,000 to 1,200,000.
- No. 184. Relates to salaries and duties of assessors in townships of the first class.
- No. 185. Provides that each division of the naval militia shall be considered the equivalent of a field battery in the National Guard.
- No. 186. Provides a method for altering and improving highways, the center of which is a dividing line between cities or townships.
- No. 187. One-half of the councils of boroughs to be elected each two years for a term of four years.
- No. 188. Defines a "properly certified duplicate" required of cities for school districts.
- No. 189. Extends the provisions of the act concerning liens of manufacturers of cotton, woolen and silk goods to include dyers.
- No. 190. Regulates the opening of buildings at fire escapes, by requiring fireproof doors.
- No. 191. Counties may contract with boroughs in improving borough streets which are on the line of county roads, the contract stipulating the proportion

- of expense to be borne by the borough, both in building and maintenance.
- No. 192. Relating to plumbers licenses.
- No. 193. Permits the acquiring by boroughs and incorporated towns of existing sewer systems and sewers.
- No. 194. Creates a board of Jail and Prison Inspectors in counties of 150,000 to 250,000.
- No. 195. Township treasurers in townships of the first class when appointed to fill vacancies may be elected to succeed themselves.
- No. 196. Designates the time for settlements by the tax collectors of boroughs and townships.
- No. 197. Relates to taxation of seated lands.
- No. 198. Concerns the property which shall be taxed for municipal improvements.
- No. 199. Provides for the location and construction of county line highways.
- No. 200. Amends the law in regard to public schools, in relation to appeals from auditors' reports.
- No. 201. Authorizes suit against the State by the Woodman Lumber Company on contract for State sanatorium at Crescon.
- No. 203. Gives to parties holding drafts of failed banks the same preference rights over other creditors as depositors.
- No. 203. Authorizes suit against the State by Robert Stewart for improvement of Capitol Park.
- No. 204. Amendment to the charter of Millville Bridge Company.
- No. 205. County Commissioners and Poor Directors in counties of less than 150,000 shall let contracts for supplies for the poor house and hospital for insane by written contract, after advertising in at least one newspaper for two weeks, except where the supplies required are less than \$100 in counties of 20,000 or less, or less than \$150 in counties of 50,000 to 75,000, or less than \$200 in counties of 75,000 to 100,000, or less than \$300 in counties of 100,000 to 150,000.
- No. 206. Increases the salaries of district attorneys in counties of less than 20,000 to \$100; 20,000 to 50,000 to \$300; 50,000 to 100,000 to \$500; 100,000 to 150,000 to \$750; 150,000 to 200,000 to \$1,000; 200,000 to 250,000 to \$1,250; 250,000 to 300,000 to \$1,500; 300,000 to 400,000 to \$2,000; 400,000 to 500,000 to \$2,500; 500,000 to 1,000,000 to \$4,000.
- No. 207. The revenue arising from licensing motor cars is appropriated to the State Highway Department, for construction and maintenance.
- No. 208. Provides for a change in the management of Allegheny County Memorial Hall.
- No. 209. Concerns the sale of decedents' real estate.
- No. 210. Amends the law making it the duty of the county to provide for the burial of paupers by changing the limit of expense from \$20 to \$35.
- No. 211. Townships of the first class hereafter shall advertise and contract for expenditures of \$500 and over instead of \$100, as heretofore.
- No. 212. Amends the form of "scire facias" and provides for entering default judgment in recovering on claims for construction of buildings, etc.
- No. 213. Relates to the character of bond to be given by appellants from the Allegheny County Court.
- No. 214. The Chestnut Blight Commission is to be commissioned for five years by Governor, and to continue longer if, in the Governor's judgment, advisable.
- No. 215. The act in relation to fees of Prothonotaries is to apply to counties having from 150,000 to 100,000.
- No. 216. Concerns the government of penal institutions.
- No. 217. Authorizes insurance companies incorporated in this state to insure against loss caused by the caving in of the surface above coal mines.
- No. 218. Fixes the salary of the second assistant State Librarian at \$2,000.
- No. 219. Allows the Commissioner of Banking another clerk and another stenographer.
- No. 220. The Banking Board is given the authority to enter satisfaction or release of mortgages taken in the performance of duty.
- No. 221. Permits the paroling by the trial court of persons acquitted on the ground of insanity, at any time in the past.
- No. 222. Corporations may declare dividends out of net profits at any time.
- No. 223. Permits counties, cities and boroughs to singly or jointly expend money for the improvement of highways outside of the limits of the municipality for the purpose of connecting with State highways, where the length of road does not exceed one mile.
- No. 224. Fixes salaries of commissioner and clerks in Department of Fisheries.

### MODERN LIFE IN A PARABLE

Sweet Young Girl Accepts the Inevitable on Rejection of the Various Fads of the Day.

"I want to be loved," murmured the sweet young girl.

"You don't want anything of the sort," replied the suffragette. "You want to prove to the world that being a mother is the lowest aim of woman. You want to spend your time destroying property."

"You want to remain single," said the bachelor, "and give me a chance in my bachelor apartment to keep up with the high cost of living."

Said the school: "You don't want to be loved; you want to get \$400 a year for the rest of your life inspiring the young by your noble example."

Said the doctor: "You don't dare be loved!"

Said the poet: "Nonsense! How can you want to be loved when I am writing all my epics to machinery?"

Said the novelist: "Not necessary, I assure you. My characters are all divorced."

Said the world: "You—want to be loved! This is evidently a case of vulgar sex appeal! And in one so seemingly innocent!"

"I want to be loved," repeated the young girl with a sigh. "Is there no one who will take me?"

An old man stepped forward. "I am the only one left," he said. "I have outlived all the fads of the period. Will you let me love you?"

"There seems to be nothing else to do," said the young girl.—Life.

### Dependence.

"Women are terribly unreasonable!" exclaimed the small man with the straw-colored hair.

"Trouble with your wife?"

"Not exactly. She told me to buy myself a hat and a pair of shoes, but she didn't say a word about whether it was to be a straw or a felt or whether she wants me to get low-cut or high shoes. Why will some women be so thoughtless and unreasonable!"

### A Significant Fact.

"Is Mombat henpecked?"

"I don't know anything about his family affairs. But I have noticed that he begins to walk on tiptoe as soon as he gets within a block of his house."

### He Fooled His Wife.

A well-known Muncie man attended a poker party the other night at the home of a friend whose family is at a summer resort. Certain beverages not countenanced by the Anti-Saloon league were served. At one o'clock in the morning the young man started homeward and he tells this story of subsequent happenings:

"I arrived home, all right, soon after one o'clock, but I was afraid my wife might not be so thoroughly and soundly asleep that she would not hear me when I came in, and, to confess, I was not exactly in the condition that I should have been, but still had sense enough to know I was that way. So, I thought I'd better sit in my front porch until I got straightened around enough to put up a bluff of a good appearance should my wife confront me. At four o'clock in the morning I was awakened by the sun's rays shining in my face, and, looking around, found I was on the porch of a neighbor two blocks away.—Indianapolis News.

### Independence.

"Big Bill" Haywood, in one of his Haledon speeches to the Paterson strikers, said:

"I want the women strikers to have the independent spirit of a lady I used to know. This lady had a neighbor who had prospered. The neighbor, a very spiteful sort, for all her prosperity, said to my friend one day:

"I see you're still your own washerwoman, Kate."

"Yes," Kate answered cheerfully, "but, thank goodness, I haven't yet been reduced to playing nursemaid to a poodle dog."

### Sure Sign.

"I hate to see Dabbers look preternaturally solemn."

"He is your friend and you want him to be happy."

"Oh, not particularly, but whenever he wears a preternaturally solemn look I know that he wants to borrow money."

### Doubtful Praise.

Jack Bachelor (called in to see the new baby)—Gracious, Tom! He looks just exactly like you do.

Nurse—Please speak lower, sir! His dear mother's sitting right in the next room, remember.—Puck.

### DIAMONDS BY THE MILLION

Two of the Principal African Mines Produced Over 2,000,000 Carats a Year Each.

The three principal diamond-producing companies of South Africa are the De Beers, Premier and Jagersfontein. The figures of the latter are not available, but each of the other companies produced more than 2,000,000 carats in the last year on record.

At the Premier mine, which is an open pit, the cost is from \$1.60 to \$1.80 a carat. At the De Beers' mines, which are very deep, from long working, the cost is more than six dollars a carat.

The prices correspond somewhat. The average receipts of the Premier mine are from \$4 to \$4.50 a carat; from this the prices go up to the \$14 to \$15 a carat received at Jagersfontein. The latter mine yields only diamonds of fine quality; the Premier mine yields also a large quantity of low-quality stones, which reduces the average value.

The diamond loses about half its weight in cutting, but gains from four to six times in value. The public pays each year about \$120,000,000 for diamonds.

The African mines employ 5,000 white men and 30,000 natives. The latter receive from \$8 to \$16 a month. Each workman represents about 150 carats found.

### His Hearing Good.

Little Dave was detected by his father in the act of stealing from one of his little playmates.

The father, not believing in corporal punishment, concluded to try a moral lecture.

After pointing out the wrong of such an act, he said:

"Always bear in mind, my boy, that these temptations can be resisted if you turn a deaf ear to them."

Dave's lips trembled as he replied.

"But, father, what can I do? I ain't got a deaf ear."—Lippincott's.

### Painful Truth.

"Do your American Indians still paint their faces?" inquired the foreigner.

"I don't think it is altogether the Indians that keep the drug stores going," responded the native, reluctantly.

### Changing Dinner Customs.

The most striking changes in dinner habits in our time have been the shortening of the time occupied and the lessening of the kinds of wine served. At fashionable dinners in Washington for two decades after the war it was not unusual to sit at table three full hours and six or seven kinds of wine were served. On one of these occasions a foreigner, unaccustomed to such variety, asked the late Mr. Everts, then secretary of state, if he didn't find so many different kinds injurious. "Oh, no," he said, "it is the indifferent ones that trouble me." This was at the time when, under the Hayes administration, wine was tabooed, and Mr. Everts, having been told that a new envoy had just arrived from one of the Central American states bearing the name of a widely known table water, said, "delicate compliment to the administration, I suppose."

### Wonderful.

"I see that an instrument has at last been perfected and by a boy, which will trisect a polyhedral angle."

"Is it possible?"

"That's what the papers are talking about. Wonderful, isn't it?"

"Remarkable!"

"By the way, what is a polyhedral angle?"

"Darned if I know. What does 'trisect' mean?"

"Blamed if I know. Let's go and take something for the humidity."

### Preserves.

Mrs. Shimmerpate was surprised when she visited her husband's office with a friend to find that the force included half a dozen girls, all in the "squad" class, and all very pretty.

In the course of the conversation the friend inquired:

"Did you put up much fruit this season?"

With a glance about the room Mrs. Shimmerpate replied:

"Not yet, but I have made up my mind to can a few peaches."

### It's Different Now.

"As time flies by there is no limit to which customs may change."

"No limit, whatever. Do you know that in my time I can remember when the average debutante was ashamed to let it be known that her grandmother used tobacco."

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