

SUMMARY OF LAWS OF LAST ASSEMBLY

THE 55TH LEGISLATURE

Bills Enacted and Amendments Made to Illinois Statutes at the Last Session Are Outlined

(This is a continuation of the list of bills that were passed by the 55th General Assembly and have received the signature of Governor Small, or have been allowed to become laws without his signature.)

House Bill 593 (Devine). Amends sections 1, 10 and 12 and the title of the Dower Act. When a deceased spouse dies testate, the surviving husband or wife shall be entitled, in addition to dower, to one-third of the personal estate of the deceased spouse if he or she left surviving a child or descendant of a child, or one-half of the personal estate of descendant of a child.

A provision in the will of a deceased spouse shall bar the right of the surviving spouse to the personal estate as above mentioned and to dower, unless the surviving spouse renounces the provision of the will. In the event of such renunciation, if the deceased spouse left a child or descendant of a child, the surviving spouse may waive dower and take one-third of all the real and personal estate and if the deceased spouse left no child or descendant of a child, the surviving spouse may waive dower and take one-half of all the real and personal estate.

The title is amended to read as follows: "An Act concerning the rights in real and personal property accruing by reason of the marital relation."

House Bill 600 (Castle). Validates the authorization of city bonds where a majority of the voters voting upon the proposition have voted in favor thereof and said election was conducted in conformity with laws except that the for armories for the National Guard or for the purposes of establishing landing fields for aircraft. Landing fields shall remain under control of park boards and shall not be used for storage or parking of aircraft.

House Bill 610 (Hanley). Appropriates \$10,500 to the Department of Public Works and Buildings for the purpose of acquiring the home and furnishing of Pierre Menard at Fort Gage in Randolph county as public property.

House Bill 614 (Igoe). Conveys certain described property in the city of Chicago to the Chicago Yacht club on condition that should the club cease to continue for the purposes for which it was incorporated, the property shall revert to the State.

House Bill 626 (Reeves). Amends section 3 of an Act providing additional means for the construction of sidewalks. Provides that the individual special assessments shall be divided into five annual installments.

House Bill 630 (Schnackenberg). Amends sections 9 and 12 of the Revenue Act of 1898. Provides that where acreage property has been subdivided into lots, and such subdivision placed on record in any county, the said lots shall be reassessed and placed upon the assessor's books in lieu of such acreage property as of the first day of April immediately following the date of recording of such subdivision.

House Bill 718 (Weiss). Quitclaims the state's interest in certain accretions of land upon which the city of Waukegan is building a water filtration plant to that city for municipal purposes. If the city attempts to sell or lease the land it reverts to the state.

House Bill 719 (Weiss). Conveys the state's interest in certain lands in or near Waukegan to the United States. These lands are conveyed to the United States as consideration for certain lands conveyed to the city of Waukegan by the United States.

House Bill 720 (Igoe). Authorizes park commissioners to acquire sites for armories for the National Guard or for the purposes of establishing landing fields for air crafts. Landing fields shall remain under control of park boards and shall not be used for storage or parking of aircraft.

House Bill 721 (Committee on Appropriations). Amends section 12 of an Act to revise the law in relation to fugitives from justice, February 16, 1874. Authorizes the Governor to offer a reward of not exceeding \$1,000 instead of \$200.

House Bill 722 (Committee on roads and bridges). Amends section 9 of an Act in relation to state highways, June 24, 1921. Subject to the approval of the governor and any board or other agency of the state having control and custody of any property; the Department of Public Works and Buildings may be used the same for highway purposes, provided such taking does not interfere with the use of such land by the agency so having control and custody.

House Bill 742 (Lohman). Authorizes cities, villages and other municipalities to contract with the state for the taking over and maintenance by the municipality of works constructed in whole or in part by money appropriated by the State of Illinois for protection of floods.

House Bill 743 (Committee on Ap-

propriations). Appropriates \$11,000 to pay the salaries of judges of city courts for the months of May and June, 1927, the appropriation of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly being insufficient to cover these salaries as required by law. Emergency.

House Bill 747 (Puffers). Amends section 4 of Article XVI of the military code. Changes name of Naval Reserve to Illinois Naval Militia, and increases salaries as follows: Non-commissioned officers of the first group from \$2.75 to \$4.75 per day; non-commissioned officers of the second group from \$2.60 to \$4.60 per day; non-commissioned officers of the third group from \$2.25 to \$4.25 per day. Privates, first class, are to receive \$4.10 per day.

House Bill 749 (Committee on Roads and Bridges). Amends section 1 and the title of the Act providing for refunds to municipalities on account of durable hard-surfaced pavement conveys a refund for a roadway constructed January 1, 1921 (now Jan. 1, 1922), and allows a refund not only in a case where the pavement constructed by the municipality connects or completes the state bond issue roads, but also where the pavement partially connects or completes bond issue roads.

House Bill 753 (Committee on Appropriations). Appropriates \$83,603,295.45 for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the department under the Civil Administrative Code and for the boards and commissions of State Government until the expiration of the first fiscal quarter after the adjournment of the next regular session of the General Assembly. Omnibus bill. Certain items vetoed.

House Bill 754 (Committee on Appropriations). Appropriates \$527,863.35 to pay claims in conformity with the awards and recommendations made by the Court of Claims.

House Bill 755 (Committee on Appropriations). Levies a tax of \$18,000,000.00 on the assessed value of property of the state for general state purposes for the year 1927, and levies a tax of \$8,000,000.00 upon the assessed taxable property of the state for the year 1927 for state school purposes.

AUTO BUYING IN EAST AND WEST COMPARED

In New York They Purchase Expensive Car as Bluff; In West Cheaper

The sales manager of one of the companies manufacturing a high-priced automobile says that in the East, particularly in New York or New Jersey, it is comparatively easy to sell a family a better car than they can afford. In New York a man is judged by what he has—that is, by what he has that is visible to the naked eye. He likes a good car as a means for putting up a front. In the Middle West, a car buyer is likely to take just the opposite tack. He's afraid people will think he has more money than he really has if they see him driving an expensive car, and may expect too much of him. He therefore buys a less expensive car than he can afford. —Nation's Business Magazine.

VALUABLE NECKLACE OF PEARLS MISSING

Mrs. William C. Hubbard, Jr., residing on Woodland, yesterday reported to the Chicago police the loss of a string of pearls valued at \$10,000, which, according to the police, she believes disappeared at a modiste's shop in the city where she had called on business on Wednesday. The report of the police is that Mrs. Hubbard was of the opinion that the pearls had been removed from the place where she laid them while she was being served. An investigation is being made by the police.

DANGER OF CARELESS HOME CLEANING SEEN

Dangers of the careless handling of volatile cleaning fluids in the home is sounded in a warning of State Fire Marshal S. L. Legried, showing eight deaths in the state from this source.

Rubbing of goods being cleaned, he says, often causes static electricity sufficient to set off the gas from the evaporating fluids. Pouring of volatile liquids in sewers and drains is also very dangerous, he says, as the gas is liable to permeate back into the basement where it becomes ignited.

SUPPORT PRESIDENT FOR SANE TAX CUT

COUNTRY IS FAVORABLE

Does Not Want Too Great Reduction Which Might Menace Prosperity and Injure Credit

President Coolidge has the support of the country in his battle for a sane tax cut of \$225,000,000 as against the \$400,000,000 which the United States Chamber of Commerce suggested, and the \$289,000,000 which the Democrats, Insurgents and a few Republicans of the House are trying to put over. The amount which the President has adopted was reached after careful study by himself, Secretary Mellon and General Lord, head of the budget bureau, and because of the fact that the country so far has not gone very wrong in following the President, the support which is being given him is natural and logical.

This is not a battle on the part of the President for either prestige or aggrandizement, and having announced and reaffirmed his intention of retiring, no charge of political maneuvering can be brought against him. While it is true that the Chamber of Commerce in its very extraordinary original proclamation set up the curious argument that a deficit now and then was a good thing for the best of men, the theory of the strength of a nation being shown by its bankruptcy has not gained much of a hold upon the people.

It is interesting to note that some of the most valiant supporters of the \$400,000,000 tax cut scheme have upon their sleeves plans for extraordinary spending of public money for local and national undertakings. If they are ever successful in outmaneuvering the President and increasing the total of the tax cut, many of their pet projects will go out of the window for lack of funds. This possible event cannot be viewed as a hardship as far as their local treasury looting schemes are concerned, but when their success means a serious curtailment of the money for the flood prevention program, the whole thing becomes vastly more serious. It will be well for the members of Congress to ponder for a while on the old adage (as true today as when it was first uttered) that you cannot have your cake and eat it.

"ONE MAN'S WOMAN" AT MINTURN-CENTRAL


Opened Christmas Night in Chicago; Just Closed Long New York Run

When you visit the Minturn-Central theater, Chicago, you are assured of thrills, throbs and sensations, for wasn't it here that "One Man's Woman" and "Rain" broke all records and ran weeks into months? And now comes a new thriller. On Christmas night, Sunday, Dec. 25, the Minturn-Central housed William A. Brady's production of "A Good Bad Woman," by William J. McNally, with Miss Ruth Thomas and a complete New York cast, including Florence Ravenell, Helen Singer, Beryl Worth, George M. Clarke, Albert Morrison, Louis Hollinger and Charles Healey.

"A Good Bad Woman" is the play that ran at the Playhouse, New York, for seven months and was only withdrawn by Mr. Brady when the agitation of the self-appointed moralistic censors caused the withdrawal also of "Sex," "The Captive," "Desire Under the Elms" and other red-blooded dramas. However, no stigma was cast upon "A Good Bad Woman," except that it told the story of a young girl cast upon the world at the age of fourteen, and of her many temptations, trials and tribulations in this jazz age among cabaret hounds, gin babies and unleashed youthful passions. In fact, Mary Ferris, the girl in question, attempts to right the tempest which besets a happy home and it is only through the sacrifice of her own good name that she saves the happiness of a man and wife and reveals the invader in all his ugly contour.

The production at the Minturn-Central will be the first in Chicago and the advance demand for tickets is said to be so large that it has been necessary to arrange special performances for the first two weeks.

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