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Offenses

The following summary is included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 277, regulated ownership and operation of pool and billiard rooms within certain areas of Chester County . This act was repealed by Private Acts of 2002, Chapter 126.

Sheriff

The following acts have no current effect but are included here for reference purposes since they once applied to the Chester County Sheriff's Office. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 722, fixed the annual salary of the Sheriff in Chester County at Eight hundred (\$800) dollars to be paid quarterly in equal amounts on a warrant drawn on public county funds by the County Judge, or Chairman. The Act required the Sheriff to file a sworn itemized statement of the fees collected by the office, indicating the amount and source of said fees, excluding fees for boarding prisoners and turnkeys. If the fees were less than the annual salary set, the County would pay the deficiency and if more, the Sheriff could retain the excess. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 721.
2. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 721, repealed Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 722, above, and set the annual salary for the sheriff of Chester County at one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) annually. The Act required the sheriff to file a sworn itemized statement quarterly of fees collected by the office indicating the amount and source of said fees, excluding fees received for destroying illicit distilleries, turnkeys or jail fees. If the fees received in the office were less than the annual salary set, the County would pay the deficiency and any excess fees above the salary were to be paid over to the County.
3. Private Acts of 1957, Chapter 109, set the salary of the Sheriff in Chester County at four thousand two hundred (\$4,200) dollars a year payable in monthly installments. The salary would be his compensation in addition to the fees of his office.

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