
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BEREN, PANCOAST, POLITE, YOHN, SCIRICA AND MEBUS,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 15, 1975

AN ACT

1 To provide for four additional law judges of the court of common
2 pleas in the thirty-eighth judicial district.

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

5 Section 1. In addition to the judges provided for in the act
6 of January 8, 1952 (P.L.1844, No.494), entitled "An act to
7 designate the several judicial districts of the Commonwealth, as
8 required by the Constitution, and to provide for the election
9 and commissioning of judges learned in the law for the said
10 districts," four additional law judges are hereby authorized and
11 provided for the court of common pleas of the thirty-eighth
12 judicial district, who shall possess the same qualifications
13 which are required by the Constitution and laws for the
14 president judge of the court of common pleas of the district and
15 who shall hold his office for a like term and by the same tenure
16 and shall have the same power, authority and jurisdiction and
17 shall be subject to the same duties, restrictions and penalties
18 and shall receive the same compensation provided for by law for

1 judges learned in the law as if the same office had been
2 established in the time of and subject to the provisions of the
3 act of June 1, 1956 (P.L.1959, No.657), entitled, as amended,
4 "An act fixing the salaries and compensation of the Chief
5 Justice and judges of the Supreme Court, the President Judge and
6 judges of the Superior Court, the judges of the courts of common
7 pleas, the judges of the orphans' courts, the judges of the
8 County Court of Philadelphia and the judges of the County Court
9 and Juvenile Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges
10 not learned in the law, certain state officers, and the salary
11 and expenses of the members of the General Assembly, and
12 repealing certain inconsistent acts."

13 Section 2. At the municipal election in November, 1977, the
14 qualified electors of the thirty-eighth judicial district shall
15 elect, in the same manner prescribed by law for the election of
16 the president judge of the court of common pleas of the
17 district, four competent persons learned in the law to serve as
18 additional law judges of the court of common pleas of the
19 thirty-eighth judicial district from the first Monday in
20 January, 1978, for a term of ten years. Vacancies in the office
21 hereby created whether caused by death, resignation, expiration
22 of term or otherwise shall be filled in the same manner as is
23 required by law in case of similar vacancies in the office of
24 president judge of the court.

25 Section 3. The Governor may appoint four competent persons
26 learned in the law, as additional law judge of the court of
27 common pleas of the thirty-eighth judicial district, to serve
28 until the first Monday of January, 1978.

29 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.