

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1213** Session of  
1981

INTRODUCED BY ALDEN, REBER AND TELEK, APRIL 21, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 21, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the  
3 finality of judgments of district justices.

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

6 Section 1. Title 42, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,  
7 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is  
8 amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1517. Effect of judgments.

10 A judgment given by a district justice shall, upon expiration  
11 of the appeal period where no appeal has been taken, be final  
12 and the subject matter of the judgment shall be deemed to be res  
13 judicata.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.