JUDICIAL CODE (42 PA.C.S.) - AMEND REENACTING PROVISIONS

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No. 1992-25

SB 40

AN ACT

Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, reenacting certain provisions relating to the Philadelphia Municipal Court; and further providing for limitations on compulsory arbitration.

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

Section 1. Section 1123(a)(8) and (a.1) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are reenacted to read: § 1123. Jurisdiction and venue.

(a) General rule.--Except as otherwise prescribed by any general rule adopted pursuant to section 503 (relating to reassignment of matters), the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall have jurisdiction of the following matters:

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(8) Any action to enjoin a public nuisance. The action to enjoin may be brought by any person who resides or has a place of business within 500 feet of the location of the alleged nuisance.

(a.1) Appeal from contempt citation or nuisance order.--There shall be a right to appeal to the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County of a contempt citation issued by a municipal court judge or of an order issued by a municipal court judge in any action under subsection (a) (7) or (8), but the appeal shall be limited to a review of the record.

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Section 2. Section 7361(b) of Title 42 is amended to read: § 7361. Compulsory arbitration.

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(b) Limitations.--No matter shall be referred under subsection (a):

(1) which involves title to real property; or

(2) where the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds:

(i) [\$20,000] **\$50,000** in judicial districts embracing first, second, second class A or third class counties or home rule counties which but for the adoption of a home rule charter would be a county of one of these classes; or

(ii) [\$10,000] **\$25,000** in any other judicial district.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

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(1) The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 7361(b) shall take effect in 60 days.
(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.
APPROVED--The 16th day of April, A. D. 1992.

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