

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
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COLAFELLA, JULY 2, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 2, 1987

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 3302 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3302. Additional restrictions.

9 Judges shall not engage in any activity prohibited by this  
10 subchapter or any other provision of law and shall not violate  
11 any canon of ethics prescribed by general rule. A district  
12 justice shall devote [the] full time [necessary for the prompt  
13 and proper disposition of] to the business of his office[, which  
14 shall be given priority over any other occupation, business,  
15 profession, pursuit or activity. He shall not use or permit the  
16 use of the premises established for the disposition of his  
17 magisterial business for any other occupation, business,  
18 profession or gainful pursuit]. A district justice shall not

1 [hold any other elected or appointed public office in this]  
2 engage in the practice of law; hold office in a political party  
3 or political organization; or hold an office or position of  
4 profit in the government of the United States, the Commonwealth  
5 or a municipal corporation or political subdivision of the  
6 Commonwealth, except in the armed service of the United States  
7 or the Commonwealth. District justices and appointive judicial  
8 officers shall be governed by rules or canons prescribed by  
9 general rule.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in one year.