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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, FEBRUARY 3, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Creating a Judicial Compensation Commission and providing for  
2 its powers and duties.

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

5 Section 1. Judicial Compensation Commission.

6 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established an  
7 independent commission to be known as the Judicial Compensation  
8 Commission, hereafter referred to as the commission. The  
9 commission shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be  
10 appointed by the Governor, one by the President pro tempore of  
11 the Senate, one by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one by  
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one by the  
13 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The commission  
14 shall elect one of its members as chairman.

15 (b) Expenses.--Members of the commission shall be reimbursed  
16 for actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing the

1 duties imposed by this act. In addition, members of the  
2 commission shall be paid \$200 per diem for each day such member  
3 is engaged in work of the commission. The commission may retain  
4 an executive director and such clerical or secretarial personnel  
5 as it may require. The costs and expenses of the commission  
6 shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Governor's  
7 Office, the President pro tempore and Minority Leader of the  
8 Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of  
9 Representatives, pro rata.

10 Section 2. Study of judicial salaries.

11 The commission shall make an exhaustive study of the salaries  
12 of the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the  
13 Commonwealth Court, the courts of common pleas, the Philadelphia  
14 Municipal Court and the Philadelphia Traffic Court, and of  
15 district justices, and of the compensation of senior judges.

16 Section 3. Report.

17 As soon as practicable after the effective date of this act,  
18 the commission shall submit to the Governor and to the General  
19 Assembly its report establishing such salaries and compensation.

20 Section 4. Effect of report.

21 The report shall take effect immediately, unless, within 60  
22 days following the date of submission thereof, the General  
23 Assembly shall, by concurrent resolution, reject the report, in  
24 whole or in part, or unless within that 60-day period the  
25 General Assembly enacts legislation which establishes a rate of  
26 pay differing from that recommended by the report, in whole or  
27 in part. That portion of the report which is not inconsistent  
28 with the resolution or legislation so adopted shall have the  
29 force and effect of law as herein provided.

30 Section 5. Expiration.

1       This act shall expire and the Judicial Compensation  
2 Commission shall cease to exist on December 31, 1988.  
3 Section 6. Effective date.  
4       This act shall take effect immediately.