
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 835

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WAGNER, O'DONNELL, A. K. HUTCHINSON AND PETRARCA,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 26, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extending contempt of
3 court powers to district justices.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1513 of Title 42, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 1513. Powers of district justices.

10 Every district justice shall have power to issue every lawful
11 process to or to be served or enforced by system and related
12 personnel and to make such lawful orders as his official
13 business may require including the power to inflict summary
14 punishments for contempts of court as provided in Subchapter C
15 of Chapter 41 (relating to contempt of court). A district
16 justice may take affidavits and acknowledgments outside his
17 magisterial district but within this Commonwealth.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.