

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1898** Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY PRENDERGAST, SCHWEDER, KOWALYSHYN AND RUGGIERO,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 18, 1975

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AN ACT

1 To provide for an additional law judge of the court of common  
2 pleas in the third judicial district.

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

5 Section 1. In addition to the judges provided for in the act  
6 of January 8, 1952 (P.L.1844, No.494), entitled "An act to  
7 designate the several judicial districts of the Commonwealth, as  
8 required by the Constitution, and to provide for the election  
9 and commissioning of judges learned in the law for the said  
10 districts," an additional law judge is hereby authorized and  
11 provided for the court of common pleas of the third judicial  
12 district, who shall possess the same qualifications which are  
13 required by the Constitution and laws for the president judge of  
14 the court of common pleas of the districts and who shall hold  
15 office for a like term and by the same tenure and shall have the  
16 same power, authority and jurisdiction and shall be subject to  
17 the same duties, restrictions and penalties and shall receive  
18 the same compensation provided for by law for judges learned in

1 the law as if the same offices had been established in the time  
2 of and subject to the provisions of the act of June 1, 1956  
3 (P.L.1959, No.657), entitled, as amended, "An act fixing the  
4 salaries and compensation of the Chief Justice and judges of the  
5 Supreme Court, the President Judge and judges of the Superior  
6 Court, the judges of the courts of common pleas, the judges of  
7 the orphans' courts, the judges of the County Court of  
8 Philadelphia and the judges of the County Court and Juvenile  
9 Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned  
10 in the law, certain state officers, and the salary and expenses  
11 of the members of the General Assembly, and repealing certain  
12 inconsistent acts."

13 Section 2. At the municipal election in November, 1977, the  
14 qualified electors of the third judicial district shall elect,  
15 in the same manner prescribed by law for the election of the  
16 president judge of the court of common pleas of the district, a  
17 competent person learned in the law to serve as additional law  
18 judge of the court of common pleas of the third judicial  
19 district, from the first Monday in January, 1978, for a term of  
20 ten years. Vacancies in the office hereby created whether caused  
21 by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise shall be  
22 filled in the same manner as is required by law in case of  
23 similar vacancies in the office of president judge of the court.

24 Section 3. Pending the elections of the additional law judge  
25 authorized in section 2 above, the Governor is authorized and  
26 directed to appoint with the advice and consent of two-thirds of  
27 the members elected to the Senate one competent person learned  
28 in the law, as additional law judge of the court of common pleas  
29 of the third judicial district, to serve until the first Monday  
30 of January, 1978.

1       Section 4.   This act shall take effect immediately.