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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2002** Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY BERSON, MANDERINO, WOJDAK, IRVIS, PRENDERGAST,  
CAPUTO, RYAN, BEREN, GLEASON, WHITTLESEY, BUTERA,  
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FINEMAN, SCHEAFFER AND WAGNER, NOVEMBER 25, 1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 26, 1975

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AN ACT

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

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

15 Section 1. Sections 2 and 3, act of June 1, 1956 (P.L.1959,  
16 No.657), entitled, as amended, "An act fixing the salaries and  
17 compensation of the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme  
18 Court, the President Judge and judges of the Superior Court, the  
19 judges of the courts of common pleas, the judges of the orphans'  
20 courts, the judges of the County Court of Philadelphia and the  
21 judges of the County Court and Juvenile Court of Allegheny  
22 County, certain associate judges not learned in the law, certain

1 state officers, and the salary and expenses of the members of  
2 the General Assembly, and repealing certain inconsistent acts,"  
3 amended January 26, 1966 (1965 P.L.1602, No.565) and by the  
4 November 1972 report of the Commonwealth Compensation  
5 Commission, are amended to read:

6 Section 2. The annual salary of the Chief Justice of the  
7 Supreme Court shall be [~~\$52,500~~] \$57,500, and the annual salary  
8 of each of the associate judges of the Supreme Court shall be  
9 [~~\$50,000~~] \$55,000.

10 Section 3. The annual salary of the President Judge of the  
11 Superior Court shall be [~~\$49,500~~] \$54,500 and the annual salary  
12 of each of the associate judges of the Superior Court shall be  
13 [~~\$48,000~~] \$53,000.

14 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

15 Section 3.1. The annual salary of the President Judge of the  
16 Commonwealth Court shall be [~~\$49,500~~] \$54,500. The annual salary  
17 of each of the associate judges of the Commonwealth Court shall  
18 be [~~\$48,000~~] \$53,000.

19 Section 3. Section 4 of the act, amended January 26, 1966  
20 (1965 P.L.1602, No.565) and by the November 1972 report of the  
21 Commonwealth Compensation Commission is amended to read:

22 Section 4. (a) The annual salary of a president judge of a  
23 court of common pleas shall be fixed in accordance with the  
24 following schedule:

- 25 (1) Allegheny County.....[~~\$42,000~~] \$47,000  
26 (2) Philadelphia.....[ ~~42,500~~] 47,500  
27 (3) Dauphin County.....[ ~~41,000~~] 46,000  
28 (4) Judicial Districts having six more  
29 judges and a population in excess  
30 of one hundred fifty thousand.....[ ~~41,000~~] 46,000

- 1 (5) Judicial Districts having three to  
2 five judges.....[ 40,500] 45,500
- 3 (6) Judicial Districts having one or two  
4 judges.....[ 40,000] 45,000
- 5 (7) Administrative Judges of the Divisions  
6 of Common Pleas Court:
- 7 (i) Philadelphia, divisions of six  
8 or more judges.....[ 41,000] 46,000
- 9 (ii) Philadelphia, divisions of  
10 five or less judges.....[ 40,500] 45,500
- 11 (8) President Judges of Divisions of  
12 Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County:
- 13 (i) Divisions of six or more  
14 judges.....[ 41,000] 46,000
- 15 (ii) Divisions of five or less  
16 judges.....[ 40,500] 45,500
- 17 (b) The associate judges of the courts of common pleas shall  
18 be paid an annual salary of [~~\$40,000~~] \$45,000.

19 Section 4. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

20 Section 4.1. The President Judge of the Philadelphia  
21 Municipal Court shall receive an annual salary of forty-one  
22 thousand five hundred dollars (\$41,500). The annual salary of  
23 associate judges of the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall be  
24 forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for members of the bar and  
25 twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) for judges who are not  
26 members of the bar.

27 Section 4.2. The annual salary of the President Judge of the  
28 Philadelphia Traffic Court shall be twenty-two thousand dollars  
29 (\$22,000). The annual salary of associate judges of the  
30 Philadelphia Traffic Court shall be twenty-one thousand dollars

1 (\$21,000).

2 Section 5. Sections 5, 7, 8 and 9 of the act are repealed.

3 Section 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 1976.