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BRANDT AND MOEHLMANN, MARCH 22, 1977

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AN ACT

1 To provide for two additional law judges of the court of common
2 pleas in the second 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," two additional law judges are hereby authorized and
11 provided for the court of common pleas of the second 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 district and who shall hold his
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, 1979, the
14 qualified electors of the second 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,
17 two competent persons learned in the law to serve as additional
18 law judges of the court of common pleas of the second judicial
19 district from the first Monday in January, 1980, 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 election of the two additional law
25 judges authorized in section 2, the Governor is authorized and
26 directed to appoint one competent person learned in the law, as
27 additional law judge of the court of common pleas of the second
28 judicial district, to serve until the first Monday of January,
29 1980.

30 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.