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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1066** Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY RITTER, MELUSKEY AND ZWIKL, MAY 2, 1977

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AN ACT

1 To provide for an additional law judge of the court of common  
2 pleas in the thirty-first 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 thirty-first  
12 judicial district, who shall possess the same qualifications  
13 which are required by the Constitution and laws for the  
14 president judge of the court of common pleas of the district and  
15 who shall hold his office for a like term and by the same tenure  
16 and shall have the same power, authority and jurisdiction and  
17 shall be subject to the same duties, restrictions and penalties  
18 and shall receive the same compensation provided for by law for

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

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

25 Section 3. The Governor may appoint a competent person  
26 learned in the law, as additional law judge of the court of  
27 common pleas of the thirty-first judicial district, to serve  
28 until the first Monday of January, 1978.

29 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.