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REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JULY 12, 1977

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending the act of January 6, 1970 (1969 P.L.434, No.185),~~ <—  
2 ~~entitled "An act relating to the Commonwealth Court,~~  
3 ~~implementing section 4 of Article V of the Constitution of~~  
4 ~~the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," increasing~~ TO INCREASE the <—  
5 number of judges of the court and providing for their  
6 appointment; TO PROVIDE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGES OF THE <—  
7 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE  
8 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
9 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE  
10 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE  
11 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
12 SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE  
13 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE  
14 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
15 TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE  
16 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE  
17 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
18 NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE  
19 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
20 ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
21 TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF  
22 THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL  
23 DISTRICT, ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON  
24 PLEAS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TWO ADDITIONAL  
25 LAW JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND  
26 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THREE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGES OF THE COURT  
27 OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE  
28 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
29 FORTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF  
30 THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE FIFTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
31 AND TO PROVIDE THREE ADDITIONAL JUDGES OF THE TRAFFIC COURT

1       OF PHILADELPHIA.

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

4       ~~Section 1. Section 2, act of January 6, 1970 (1969 P.L.434,~~ <—  
5 ~~No.185), known as "The Commonwealth Court Act," is amended to~~  
6 ~~read:~~

7       ~~Section 2. Establishment and Composition of Commonwealth~~  
8 ~~Court. (a) Pursuant to section 4 of Article V of the~~  
9 ~~Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and section 3~~  
10 ~~of the Schedule thereto, a court of record of statewide original~~  
11 ~~and appellate jurisdiction, to be known as the Commonwealth~~  
12 ~~Court, is established to be composed of seven judges who shall~~  
13 ~~be citizens of the Commonwealth and members of the bar of the~~  
14 ~~Supreme Court of the Commonwealth and who shall, for a period of~~  
15 ~~one year preceding their election or appointment and during~~  
16 ~~their continuance in office, reside within the Commonwealth.~~

17       ~~(b) In order to increase the number of judges of the~~  
18 ~~Commonwealth Court so that the court shall hereafter be composed~~  
19 ~~of nine judges, two additional judges are hereby provided for~~  
20 ~~who shall possess the qualifications prescribed in subsection~~  
21 ~~(a) and who shall be appointed and elected as provided in~~  
22 ~~subsection (j) of section 3.~~

23       ~~Section 2. Section 3 of the act is amended by adding a~~  
24 ~~subsection to read:~~

25       ~~Section 3. Appointment and Election of Judges; Terms. \* \* \*~~

26       ~~(j) In order to implement the purposes of this act and upon~~  
27 ~~its effective date, the Governor shall appoint in the manner and~~  
28 ~~for the term prescribed by section 13 of Article V of the~~  
29 ~~Constitution of Pennsylvania pertaining to vacancy in the office~~  
30 ~~of judge, two appointees: Provided, That both appointees shall~~

~~not be members of the same political party. No judge appointed pursuant to this subsection shall be authorized prior to the expiration of his appointive term to file a declaration of candidacy for retention as provided in section 15 of Article V of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The election of judges as to these two additional judgeships shall be as prescribed by subsection (i).~~

SECTION 1. (A) IN ADDITION TO THE JUDGES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACT OF JANUARY 6, 1970 (1969 P.L.434, NO.185), KNOWN AS "THE COMMONWEALTH COURT ACT," TWO ADDITIONAL JUDGES ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE COMMONWEALTH COURT. <—

(B) THE ADDITIONAL JUDGES SHALL POSSESS THE QUALIFICATIONS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 2 OF "THE COMMONWEALTH COURT ACT."

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE ADDITIONAL JUDGES IN THE MANNER AND FOR THE TERM PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA PERTAINING TO VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUDGE: PROVIDED, THAT BOTH APPOINTEES SHALL NOT BE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTIES. NO JUDGE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF HIS APPOINTIVE TERM TO FILE A DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR RETENTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA. THE ELECTION OF JUDGES AS TO THESE TWO ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION (I).

SECTION 2. (A) IN ADDITION TO THE JUDGES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACT OF JANUARY 8, 1952 (P.L.1844, NO.494), ENTITLED "AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE SEVERAL JUDICIAL DISTRICTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION AND COMMISSIONING OF JUDGES LEARNED IN THE LAW FOR THE SAID DISTRICTS," TWO ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGES ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND

1 PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL  
2 DISTRICT (LANCASTER COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY  
3 AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
4 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (NORTHAMPTON COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL LAW  
5 JUDGE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON  
6 PLEAS OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (ERIE COUNTY), ONE  
7 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE  
8 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BUCKS  
9 COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND  
10 PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL  
11 DISTRICT (CUMBERLAND COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY  
12 AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
13 TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (WESTMORELAND COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL  
14 LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF  
15 COMMON PLEAS OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CHESTER  
16 COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND  
17 PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE NINETEENTH  
18 JUDICIAL DISTRICT (YORK COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS  
19 HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
20 THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BERKS COUNTY), ONE  
21 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE  
22 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
23 (BLAIR COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED  
24 AND PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH  
25 JUDICIAL DISTRICT (LYCOMING COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS  
26 HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
27 THE THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (LEHIGH COUNTY), TWO  
28 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGES ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE  
29 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
30 (DELAWARE COUNTY), THREE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGES ARE HEREBY

1 AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
2 THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (MONTGOMERY COUNTY), ONE  
3 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE  
4 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE FORTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
5 (CENTRE COUNTY), ONE ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED  
6 AND PROVIDED FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE FIFTIETH  
7 JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BUTLER COUNTY), WHO SHALL POSSESS THE SAME  
8 QUALIFICATIONS WHICH ARE REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS  
9 FOR THE PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
10 DISTRICTS AND WHO SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR A LIKE TERM AND BY THE  
11 SAME TENURE AND SHALL HAVE THE SAME POWER, AUTHORITY AND  
12 JURISDICTION AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME DUTIES,  
13 RESTRICTIONS AND PENALTIES AND SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME  
14 COMPENSATION PROVIDED FOR BY LAW FOR JUDGES LEARNED IN THE LAW  
15 AS IF THE SAME OFFICES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE TIME OF AND  
16 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF JUNE 1, 1956 (P.L.1959,  
17 NO.657), ENTITLED, AS AMENDED, "AN ACT FIXING THE SALARIES AND  
18 COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGES OF THE SUPREME  
19 COURT, THE PRESIDENT JUDGE AND JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, THE  
20 JUDGES OF THE COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS, THE JUDGES OF THE ORPHANS'  
21 COURTS, THE JUDGES OF THE COUNTY COURT OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE  
22 JUDGES OF THE COUNTY COURT AND JUVENILE COURT OF ALLEGHENY  
23 COUNTY, CERTAIN ASSOCIATE JUDGES NOT LEARNED IN THE LAW, CERTAIN  
24 STATE OFFICERS, AND THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE MEMBERS OF  
25 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND REPEALING CERTAIN INCONSISTENT ACTS."

26 (B) AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1979, THE  
27 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE THIRD  
28 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE SEVENTH  
29 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE TENTH  
30 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE

1 NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL  
2 DISTRICT, THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE TWENTY-NINTH  
3 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE  
4 THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL  
5 DISTRICT, THE FORTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, AND THE FIFTIETH  
6 JUDICIAL DISTRICT SHALL ELECT, IN THE SAME MANNER PRESCRIBED BY  
7 LAW FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE COURT OF  
8 COMMON PLEAS OF THE DISTRICTS, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN  
9 THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON  
10 PLEAS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON  
11 LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT  
12 OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT  
13 PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF  
14 THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE  
15 COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW  
16 JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL  
17 DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS  
18 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE NINTH  
19 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO  
20 SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
21 THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE  
22 LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON  
23 PLEAS OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON  
24 LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT  
25 OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE  
26 COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW  
27 JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL  
28 DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS  
29 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-  
30 FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE

1 LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON  
2 PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT  
3 PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF  
4 THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
5 TWO COMPETENT PERSONS LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL  
6 LAW JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND  
7 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TWO COMPETENT PERSONS LEARNED IN THE LAW TO  
8 SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGES IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
9 THE THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON  
10 LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT  
11 OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE FORTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, AND ONE  
12 COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW  
13 JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE FIFTIETH JUDICIAL  
14 DISTRICT FROM THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY, 1980, FOR A TERM OF  
15 TEN YEARS; AND, AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1977,  
16 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND THE  
17 THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SHALL ELECT, IN THE SAME MANNER  
18 PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE  
19 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE DISTRICTS, ONE COMPETENT PERSON  
20 LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL JUDGE OF THE COURT OF  
21 COMMON PLEAS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT  
22 PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE IN  
23 THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL  
24 DISTRICT, FROM THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY, 1978, FOR A TERM OF  
25 TEN YEARS. VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE HEREBY CREATED WHETHER CAUSED  
26 BY DEATH, RESIGNATION, EXPIRATION OF TERM OR OTHERWISE SHALL BE  
27 FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS IS REQUIRED BY LAW IN CASE OF  
28 SIMILAR VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE COURT.

29 (C) IF THE JUDGESHIPS TO BE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
30 SECTION ARE AUTHORIZED AT A TIME WHEN NOMINATIONS CANNOT BE MADE

1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
2 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN AS THE  
3 "PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE," THE NOMINEES SHALL BE DETERMINED  
4 IN THE SAME MANNER AS IS NOW PROVIDED FOR BY LAW IN THE CASE OF  
5 SUBSTITUTED NOMINEES WHERE A CANDIDATE OF A POLITICAL PARTY HAS  
6 DIED SUBSEQUENT TO A PRIMARY ELECTION. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE  
7 PROVIDED HEREIN, THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE JUDGESHIPS  
8 TO BE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL BE GOVERNED  
9 BY THE GENERAL ELECTION LAWS APPLICABLE TO THE NOMINATION AND  
10 ELECTION OF JUDGES TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

11 (D) THE GOVERNOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO APPOINT, WITH  
12 THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO  
13 THE SENATE, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW, AS  
14 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE SECOND  
15 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO  
16 SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
17 THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE  
18 LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON  
19 PLEAS OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON  
20 LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT  
21 OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT  
22 PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF  
23 THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE  
24 COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW  
25 JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL  
26 DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS  
27 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE  
28 FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE  
29 LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON  
30 PLEAS OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON



1 LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT  
2 OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE  
3 COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW  
4 JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL  
5 DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS  
6 ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE TWENTY-  
7 NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW  
8 TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
9 THE THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TWO COMPETENT PERSONS  
10 LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGES OF THE  
11 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
12 TWO COMPETENT PERSONS LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL  
13 LAW JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH  
14 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ONE COMPETENT PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW TO  
15 SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
16 THE FORTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, AND ONE COMPETENT PERSON  
17 LEARNED IN THE LAW TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE OF THE COURT  
18 OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE FIFTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO SERVE UNTIL  
19 THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1980.

20 SECTION 3. (A) IN ADDITION TO THE JUDGES OF THE TRAFFIC  
21 COURT OF PHILADELPHIA PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACT OF OCTOBER 17,  
22 1969 (P.L.263, NO.106), ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
23 TRAFFIC COURT OF PHILADELPHIA," THREE ADDITIONAL JUDGES ARE  
24 HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE TRAFFIC COURT OF  
25 PHILADELPHIA WHO SHALL HAVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS THE  
26 PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THAT COURT AND WHO SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME  
27 COMPENSATION AS THE OTHER JUDGES OF THAT COURT.

28 (B) AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1979, THE  
29 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT SHALL ELECT  
30 THREE PERSONS TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL JUDGES OF THE TRAFFIC COURT

1 OF PHILADELPHIA FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS. VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE  
2 HEREBY CREATED WHETHER CAUSED BY DEATH, RESIGNATION, EXPIRATION  
3 OF TERM OR OTHERWISE SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS IS  
4 REQUIRED BY LAW IN CASE OF SIMILAR VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF  
5 PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE COURT.

6 (C) THE GOVERNOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO APPOINT, WITH  
7 THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO  
8 THE SENATE, THREE COMPETENT PERSONS TO SERVE AS JUDGES OF THE  
9 TRAFFIC COURT OF PHILADELPHIA, TO SERVE UNTIL THE FIRST MONDAY  
10 OF JANUARY, 1980.

11 Section 3 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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