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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1812** Session of  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for dividing  
3 the forty-third judicial district into two separate judicial  
4 districts.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 901 and 911 of Title 42, act of November  
8 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes, are amended to read:

10 § 901. Judicial districts.

11 (a) General rule.--The Commonwealth is divided into [59] 60  
12 judicial districts, numbered and composed as follows:

13 First.--City and County of Philadelphia.

14 Second.--County of Lancaster.

15 Third.--County of Northampton.

16 Fourth.--County of Tioga.

17 Fifth.--County of Allegheny.

18 Sixth.--County of Erie.

1 Seventh.--County of Bucks.  
2 Eighth.--County of Northumberland.  
3 Ninth.--County of Cumberland.  
4 Tenth.--County of Westmoreland.  
5 Eleventh.--County of Luzerne.  
6 Twelfth.--County of Dauphin.  
7 Thirteenth.--County of Greene.  
8 Fourteenth.--County of Fayette.  
9 Fifteenth.--County of Chester.  
10 Sixteenth.--County of Somerset.  
11 Seventeenth.--Counties of Snyder and Union.  
12 Eighteenth.--County of Clarion.  
13 Nineteenth.--County of York.  
14 Twentieth.--County of Huntingdon.  
15 Twenty-first.--County of Schuylkill.  
16 Twenty-second.--County of Wayne.  
17 Twenty-third.--County of Berks.  
18 Twenty-fourth.--County of Blair.  
19 Twenty-fifth.--County of Clinton.  
20 Twenty-sixth.--Counties of Columbia and Montour.  
21 Twenty-seventh.--County of Washington.  
22 Twenty-eighth.--County of Venango.  
23 Twenty-ninth.--County of Lycoming.  
24 Thirtieth.--County of Crawford.  
25 Thirty-first.--County of Lehigh.  
26 Thirty-second.--County of Delaware.  
27 Thirty-third.--County of Armstrong.  
28 Thirty-fourth.--County of Susquehanna.  
29 Thirty-fifth.--County of Mercer.  
30 Thirty-sixth.--County of Beaver.

1 Thirty-seventh.--Counties of Forest and Warren.  
2 Thirty-eighth.--County of Montgomery.  
3 Thirty-ninth.--Counties of Franklin and Fulton.  
4 Fortieth.--County of Indiana.  
5 Forty-first.--Counties of Juniata and Perry.  
6 Forty-second.--County of Bradford.  
7 Forty-third.--[Counties of Monroe and Pike] County of  
8 Monroe.  
9 Forty-fourth.--Counties of Sullivan and Wyoming.  
10 Forty-fifth.--County of Lackawanna.  
11 Forty-sixth.--County of Clearfield.  
12 Forty-seventh.--County of Cambria.  
13 Forty-eighth.--County of McKean.  
14 Forty-ninth.--County of Centre.  
15 Fiftieth.--County of Butler.  
16 Fifty-first.--County of Adams.  
17 Fifty-second.--County of Lebanon.  
18 Fifty-third.--County of Lawrence.  
19 Fifty-fourth.--County of Jefferson.  
20 Fifty-fifth.--County of Potter.  
21 Fifty-sixth.--County of Carbon.  
22 Fifty-seventh.--County of Bedford.  
23 Fifty-eighth.--County of Mifflin.  
24 Fifty-ninth.--Counties of Cameron and Elk.  
25 Sixtieth.--County of Pike.

26 (b) Change in number or boundaries.--Except as otherwise  
27 provided therein, any statute amending subsection (a) so as to  
28 change the number or boundaries of the judicial districts of  
29 this Commonwealth shall take effect 30 days after the entry of  
30 an order of the Supreme Court evidencing the advice and consent

1 of the court to the amendment pursuant to section 11 of Article  
2 V of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

3 § 911. Courts of common pleas.

4 (a) General rule.--There shall be one court of common pleas  
5 for each judicial district of this Commonwealth consisting of  
6 the following number of judges:

7		Number of
8	Judicial District	Judges
9	First	81
10	Second	6
11	Third	5
12	Fourth	1
13	Fifth	39
14	Sixth	6
15	Seventh	10
16	Eighth	2
17	Ninth	3
18	Tenth	8
19	Eleventh	7
20	Twelfth	6
21	Thirteenth	1
22	Fourteenth	4
23	Fifteenth	7
24	Sixteenth	2
25	Seventeenth	1
26	Eighteenth	1
27	Nineteenth	6
28	Twentieth	1
29	Twenty-first	5
30	Twenty-second	1

1	Twenty-third	6
2	Twenty-fourth	3
3	Twenty-fifth	1
4	Twenty-sixth	1
5	Twenty-seventh	5
6	Twenty-eighth	1
7	Twenty-ninth	3
8	Thirtieth	2
9	Thirty-first	6
10	Thirty-second	14
11	Thirty-third	1
12	Thirty-fourth	1
13	Thirty-fifth	3
14	Thirty-sixth	5
15	Thirty-seventh	1
16	Thirty-eighth	15
17	Thirty-ninth	2
18	Fortieth	2
19	Forty-first	1
20	Forty-second	1
21	Forty-third	[3] <u>2</u>
22	Forty-fourth	1
23	Forty-fifth	5
24	Forty-sixth	1
25	Forty-seventh	4
26	Forty-eighth	1
27	Forty-ninth	2
28	Fiftieth	3
29	Fifty-first	1
30	Fifty-second	3

1	Fifty-third	2
2	Fifty-fourth	1
3	Fifty-fifth	1
4	Fifty-sixth	1
5	Fifty-seventh	1
6	Fifty-eighth	1
7	Fifty-ninth	1
8	<u>Sixtieth</u>	<u>1</u>

9 (b) Single county districts.--In single county judicial  
10 districts the court of common pleas of the district shall be  
11 known as the "Court of Common Pleas of (the respective) County."

12 (c) Multicounty districts.--In multicounty judicial  
13 districts the court of common pleas of the district shall be  
14 known as the "Court of Common Pleas of the (respective) Judicial  
15 District." There shall be a separate branch of the court in each  
16 county comprising the judicial district.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect 30 days after the  
18 advice and consent of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is given  
19 by order of the court pursuant to section 11 of Article V of the  
20 Constitution of Pennsylvania.