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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the  
3 number of judges of the courts of common pleas in certain  
4 judicial districts.

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

7 Section 1. Section 911(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 911. Courts of common pleas.

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

|                   | Number of     |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Judicial District | Judges        |
| First             | 90            |
| Second            | [9] <u>11</u> |
| Third             | [6] <u>7</u>  |
| Fourth            | 1             |

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|----|----------------|----------------|
| 1  | Fifth          | 41             |
| 2  | Sixth          | 8              |
| 3  | Seventh        | 11             |
| 4  | Eighth         | [2] <u>3</u>   |
| 5  | Ninth          | 5              |
| 6  | Tenth          | [10] <u>11</u> |
| 7  | Eleventh       | 8              |
| 8  | Twelfth        | [7] <u>8</u>   |
| 9  | Thirteenth     | [1] <u>2</u>   |
| 10 | Fourteenth     | 5              |
| 11 | Fifteenth      | [9] <u>11</u>  |
| 12 | Sixteenth      | [2] <u>3</u>   |
| 13 | Seventeenth    | 2              |
| 14 | Eighteenth     | 1              |
| 15 | Nineteenth     | [9] <u>11</u>  |
| 16 | Twentieth      | 1              |
| 17 | Twenty-first   | 5              |
| 18 | Twenty-second  | 1              |
| 19 | Twenty-third   | [10] <u>11</u> |
| 20 | Twenty-fourth  | 4              |
| 21 | Twenty-fifth   | 2              |
| 22 | Twenty-sixth   | 2              |
| 23 | Twenty-seventh | 5              |
| 24 | Twenty-eighth  | [1] <u>2</u>   |
| 25 | Twenty-ninth   | [4] <u>5</u>   |
| 26 | Thirtieth      | 2              |
| 27 | Thirty-first   | [8] <u>9</u>   |
| 28 | Thirty-second  | [16] <u>18</u> |
| 29 | Thirty-third   | 2              |
| 30 | Thirty-fourth  | 1              |

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

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28 Section 2. (a) The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 3135 shall  
29 not be applicable to the selection of judges for the judgeships  
30 created in the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a).

1       (b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), the new  
2 judgeships added by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall  
3 be created on January 5, 1998, and shall be initially filled by  
4 election at the 1997 municipal election.

5       (c) The new judgeships for the twelfth, twenty-third and  
6 fifty-seventh districts added by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. §  
7 911(a) shall be created on January 3, 2000, and shall be  
8 initially filled by election at the 1999 municipal election.

9       (d) The new judgeships for the second and fifteenth  
10 districts added by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall be  
11 created as follows: one judgeship in each district shall be  
12 created on January 5, 1998, and shall be initially filled by  
13 election at the 1997 municipal election and one judgeship in  
14 each district shall be created on January 3, 2000, and shall be  
15 initially filled by election at the 1999 municipal election.

16       Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.