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KUKOVICH, HELFRICK, HOLL, WHITE, CORMAN, PUNT, STOUT,
AFFLERBACH AND HART, JANUARY 21, 1997

SENATOR GREENLEAF, JUDICIARY, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 22, 1997

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

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

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

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

1 created in the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a).

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

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

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

17 (E) THE NEW JUDGESHIPS FOR THE THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT ADDED <—
18 BY THE AMENDMENT OF 42 PA.C.S. § 911(A) SHALL BE CREATED AS
19 FOLLOWS: TWO JUDGESHIPS SHALL BE CREATED ON JANUARY 5, 1998, AND
20 SHALL BE INITIALLY FILLED BY ELECTION AT THE 1997 MUNICIPAL
21 ELECTION AND TWO JUDGESHIPS SHALL BE CREATED ON JANUARY 3, 2000,
22 AND SHALL BE INITIALLY FILLED BY ELECTION AT THE 1999 MUNICIPAL
23 ELECTION.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.