

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 56

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INTRODUCED BY KILLION, ADOLPH, BARRAR, CALTAGIRONE, GINGRICH,  
KOTIK, McILHATTAN, MUSTIO, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STERN AND  
GEIST, JANUARY 30, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 30, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for  
3 magisterial district judges serving as arbitrators.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3304 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes, amended November 30, 2004 (P.L.1618,  
8 No.207), is amended to read:

9 § 3304. Acting as collection agent or paid arbitrator  
10 prohibited.

11 (a) Collection agent.--No judge or magisterial district  
12 judge shall act as agent for a person in the collection of a  
13 claim or judgment for money.

14 (b) Arbitrator.--[No] Except as provided in subsection (c),  
15 no judge or magisterial district judge shall receive any fee or  
16 emolument for performing the duties of an arbitrator.

17 (c) Arbitrator exception.--Except as may otherwise be  
18 provided by general rule, the prohibition contained in

1 subsection (b) shall not apply to a magisterial district judge  
2 serving as an arbitrator of any matter that cannot be properly  
3 commenced in the magisterial district judge's magisterial  
4 district.

5       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.