SB 846


AN ACT

Amending the act of July 1, 1981 (P.L.193, No.58), entitled,
   as amended, "An act establishing certain fees to be charged
   by clerks of the orphans' courts of counties of the fifth,
   sixth, seventh and eighth class and providing for fees in
   counties of the second through eighth class," providing for
   the establishment and modification of fees; and providing
   for the imposition of an additional fee.

   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows:
   Section 1.  Section 2.1 of the act of July 1, 1981 (P.L.193,
No.58), referred to as the Clerk of Orphans' Court Fee Law,
added July 10, 1990 (P.L.372, No.85), is amended to read:
   Section 2.1.  In counties of the second, second A, third,
fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth class **on or after the
effective date of this act**, the Clerk of the Orphans' Court may
establish, increase, decrease, modify or eliminate fees and
charges with the approval of the President Judge [within 60
days of the effective date of this section]. Thereafter, such
fees and charges shall [not] be established, increased,
decreased, modified or eliminated [except by an act of the
General Assembly] **as determined by the Clerk of the Orphans'
Court and the President Judge.**
   Section 2.  The act is amended by adding a section to read:
   **Section 2.2.  An additional fee may be charged and collected
by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of a county of the second
class for the initiation of any action or legal proceeding. The
additional fee shall be deposited into a special Clerk of the
Orphans' Court computer fund established in each county of the
second class. Moneys in the special fund shall be used by the
Clerk of the Orphans' Court, with the approval of the President
Judge, solely for the purposes of computerization and document
reproduction in the office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court.**
   Section 3.  This act shall take effect in 30 days.


APPROVED--The 21st day of April, A. D. 1994.

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