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INTRODUCED BY MORRIS, E. H. SMITH, VROON AND PITTS,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 15, 1977

AN ACT

1 To provide for an additional law judge of the court of common
2 pleas in the fifteenth judicial district.

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

5 Section 1. In addition to the judges provided for in the act
6 of January 8, 1952 (P.L.1844, No.494), entitled "An act to
7 designate the several judicial districts of the Commonwealth, as
8 required by the Constitution, and to provide for the election
9 and commissioning of judges learned in the law for the said
10 districts," an additional law judge is hereby authorized and
11 provided for the court of common pleas of the fifteenth judicial
12 district, who shall possess the same qualifications which are
13 required by the Constitution and laws for the president judge of
14 the court of common pleas of the districts and who shall hold
15 office for a like term and by the same tenure and shall have the
16 same power, authority and jurisdiction and shall be subject to
17 the same duties, restrictions and penalties and shall receive
18 the same compensation provided for by law for judges learned in

1 the law as if the same offices had been established in the time
2 of and subject to the provisions of the act of June 1, 1956
3 (P.L.1959, No.657), entitled, as amended, "An act fixing the
4 salaries and compensation of the Chief Justice and judges of the
5 Supreme Court, the President Judge and judges of the Superior
6 Court, the judges of the courts of common pleas, the judges of
7 the orphans' courts, the judges of the County Court of
8 Philadelphia and the judges of the County Court and Juvenile
9 Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned
10 in the law, certain state officers, and the salary and expenses
11 of the members of the General Assembly, and repealing certain
12 inconsistent acts."

13 Section 2. At the municipal election in November 1977, the
14 qualified electors of the fifteenth judicial district shall
15 elect, in the same manner prescribed by law for the election of
16 the president judge of the court of common pleas of the
17 district, a competent person learned in the law to serve as
18 additional law judge of the court of common pleas of the
19 fifteenth judicial district, from the first Monday in January
20 1978, for a term of ten years. Vacancies in the office hereby
21 created whether caused by death, resignation, expiration of term
22 or otherwise shall be filled in the same manner as is required
23 by law in case of similar vacancies in the office of president
24 judge of the court.

25 Section 3. Pending the elections of the additional law judge
26 authorized in section 2, the Governor is authorized and directed
27 to appoint with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the
28 members elected to the Senate, one competent person learned in
29 the law, as additional law judge of the court of common pleas of
30 the fifteenth judicial district to serve until the first Monday

1 of January 1978.

2 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.