

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1803

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY REINARD, OCTOBER 6, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 6, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the
3 powers and duties of the prothonotary regarding entry of
4 judgments.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2737 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 2737. Powers and duties of the office of the prothonotary.

10 The office of the prothonotary shall have the power and duty
11 to:

12 (1) Administer oaths and affirmations and take
13 acknowledgments pursuant to section 327 (relating to oaths
14 and acknowledgments), but shall not be compelled to do so in
15 any matters not pertaining to the proper business of the
16 office.

17 (2) Affix and attest the seal of the court or courts to
18 all the process thereof and to the certifications and

1 exemplifications of all documents and records pertaining to
2 the office of the prothonotary and the business of the court
3 or courts of which it is the prothonotary.

4 (3) Enter all civil judgments, including judgments by
5 confession[.], but the prothonotary shall not enter a
6 judgment unless and until the judgment creditor provides the
7 prothonotary with the Social Security number of the judgment
8 debtor. The prothonotary shall record the Social Security
9 number in the judgment docket.

10 (4) Enter all satisfactions of civil judgments.

11 (5) Exercise the authority of the prothonotary as an
12 officer of the court.

13 (6) Exercise such other powers and perform such other
14 duties as may now or hereafter be vested in or imposed upon
15 the office by law, home rule charter, order or rule of court,
16 or ordinance of a county governed by a home rule charter or
17 optional plan of government.

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