THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE BILL

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    AFFLERBACH, HART AND MUSTO, JANUARY 21, 1997

SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED,
    JANUARY 27, 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:

| Judicial District | Number of Judges |
|---|---|
| First | 90 |
| Second | [9] 11 |
| Third | [6] 7 |

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Fourth | 1 |
| 2 | Fifth | 41 |
| 3 | Sixth | 8 |
| 4 | Seventh | 11 |
| 5 | Eighth | [2] 3 |
| 6 | Ninth | 5 |
| 7 | Tenth | [10] 11 |
| 8 | Eleventh | [8] 9     <— |
| 9 | Twelfth | [7] 8 |
| 10 | Thirteenth | [1] 2 |
| 11 | Fourteenth | 5 |
| 12 | Fifteenth | [9] 11 |
| 13 | Sixteenth | [2] 3 |
| 14 | Seventeenth | 2 |
| 15 | Eighteenth | 1 |
| 16 | Nineteenth | [9] 11 |
| 17 | Twentieth | 1 |
| 18 | Twenty-first | 5 |
| 19 | Twenty-second | 1 |
| 20 | Twenty-third | [10] 11 |
| 21 | Twenty-fourth | 4 |
| 22 | Twenty-fifth | 2 |
| 23 | Twenty-sixth | 2 |
| 24 | Twenty-seventh | 5 |
| 25 | Twenty-eighth | [1] 2 |
| 26 | Twenty-ninth | [4] 5 |
| 27 | Thirtieth | 2 |
| 28 | Thirty-first | [8] 9 |
| 29 | Thirty-second | [16] 18 |
| 30 | Thirty-third | 2 |

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Thirty-fourth | 1 |
| 2 | Thirty-fifth | 3 |
| 3 | Thirty-sixth | [5] 6 |
| 4 | Thirty-seventh | 1 |
| 5 | ~~Thirty-eighth~~ | ~~[16] 20~~   <— |
| 6 | THIRTY-EIGHTH | [16] 18   <— |
| 7 | Thirty-ninth | [3] 4 |
| 8 | Fortieth | 2 |
| 9 | Forty-first | 2 |
| 10 | Forty-second | 2 |
| 11 | Forty-third | **[4]** 5   <— |
| 12 | Forty-fourth | 1 |
| 13 | Forty-fifth | 6 |
| 14 | Forty-sixth | 2 |
| 15 | Forty-seventh | 5 |
| 16 | Forty-eighth | 1 |
| 17 | Forty-ninth | [2] 3 |
| 18 | Fiftieth | 4 |
| 19 | Fifty-first | [2] 3 |
| 20 | Fifty-second | 3 |
| 21 | Fifty-third | 3 |
| 22 | Fifty-fourth | 1 |
| 23 | Fifty-fifth | 1 |
| 24 | Fifty-sixth | 2 |
| 25 | Fifty-seventh | [1] (2) |
| 26 | Fifty-eighth | 1 |
| 27 | Fifty-ninth | 1 |
| 28 | Sixtieth | 1 |

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30     Section 2. (a) The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 3135 shall

1  not be applicable to the selection of judges for the judgeships

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

3     (b)  Except as provided in subsections (c)~~, (d) and (e)~~ AND      <—

4  (D), the new judgeships added by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. §

5  911(a) shall be created on January 5, 1998, and shall be

6  initially filled by election at the 1997 municipal election.

7     (c)  The new judgeships for the ELEVENTH, twelfth, twenty-      <—

8  third, FORTY-THIRD and fifty-seventh districts added by the      <—

9  amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall be created on January 3,

10  2000, and shall be initially filled by election at the 1999

11  municipal election.

12     (d)  The new judgeships for the second and fifteenth

13  districts added by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall be

14  created as follows: one judgeship in each district shall be

15  created on January 5, 1998, and shall be initially filled by

16  election at the 1997 municipal election and one judgeship in

17  each district shall be created on January 3, 2000, and shall be

18  initially filled by election at the 1999 municipal election.

19  ~~(e)  The new judgeships for the thirty-eighth district added~~      <—

20  ~~by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall be created as~~

21  ~~follows: two judgeships shall be created on January 5, 1998, and~~

22  ~~shall be initially filled by election at the 1997 municipal~~

23  ~~election and two judgeships shall be created on January 3, 2000,~~

24  ~~and shall be initially filled by election at the 1999 municipal~~

25  ~~election.~~

26     Section 3.  This act shall take effect immediately.