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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 3, 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:

	Number of
Judicial District	Judges
First	90
Second	[9] <u>11</u>
Third	[6] <u>7</u>

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

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

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1       Section 2.   (a)   The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 3135 shall  
2   not be applicable to the selection of judges for the judgeships  
3   created in the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a).

4       (b)   Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), the new  
5   judgeships added by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall  
6   be created on January 5, 1998, and shall be initially filled by  
7   election at the 1997 municipal election.

8       (c)   The new judgeships for the ~~eighth~~, eleventh, twelfth,       <—  
9   TWENTY-THIRD, forty-third and fifty-seventh districts added by       <—  
10   the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall be created on January  
11   3, 2000, and shall be initially filled by election at the 1999  
12   municipal election.

13       (d)   The new judgeships for the second and fifteenth  
14   districts added by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall be  
15   created as follows: one judgeship in each district shall be  
16   created on January 5, 1998, and shall be initially filled by  
17   election at the 1997 municipal election and one judgeship in  
18   each district shall be created on January 3, 2000, and shall be  
19   initially filled by election at the 1999 municipal election.

20       Section 3.   This act shall take effect immediately.