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FEBRUARY 1, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for
3 compensation of certain judges and for exclusive jurisdiction
4 of Supreme Court.

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

7 Section 1. Chapter 17 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

9 SUBCHAPTER C

10 COMPENSATION

11 Sec.

12 1741. Compensation of judges.

13 1742. Exclusive jurisdiction of Supreme Court.

14 § 1741. Compensation of judges.

15 (a) Supreme Court.--No justice of the Supreme Court shall

16 receive any annual salary insofar as that salary is based on any

1 increase in the base salary of a circuit court judge of the
2 United States Court of Appeals that occurs after the effective
3 date of this section.

4 (b) Superior Court and Commonwealth Court.--No judge of the
5 Superior Court or Commonwealth Court shall receive any annual
6 salary insofar as that salary is based on any increase in the
7 base salary of a judge of the United States District Court that
8 occurs after the effective date of this section.

9 (c) Other courts.--No judge of a court of common pleas or
10 Philadelphia Municipal Court, Philadelphia Traffic Court or
11 magisterial district justice shall receive any annual salary
12 insofar as that annual salary is based on any increase in the
13 base salary of a United States Magistrate Judge that occurs
14 after the effective date of this section.

15 § 1742. Exclusive jurisdiction of Supreme Court.

16 The Pennsylvania Supreme Court shall have exclusive
17 jurisdiction to hear any challenge to or to render a declaratory
18 judgment concerning the constitutionality of this subchapter.
19 The Supreme Court is authorized to take such action as it deems
20 appropriate, consistent with the Supreme Court retaining
21 jurisdiction over such a matter, to find facts or to expedite a
22 final judgment in connection with such a challenge or request
23 for declaratory relief.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.