

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 861 Session of
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WONDERLING, BOSCOLA AND PUNT, MAY 22, 2007

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, OCTOBER 16, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the
3 number of judges in the courts of common pleas.

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

6 Section 1. Section 911(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes, amended November 30, 2004 (P.L.1703,
8 No.217), 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	93
Second	15
Third	8
Fourth	1

1	Fifth	43
2	Sixth	9
3	Seventh	13
4	Eighth	3
5	Ninth	5
6	Tenth	11
7	Eleventh	10
8	Twelfth	[8] <u>10</u>
9	Thirteenth	2
10	Fourteenth	5
11	Fifteenth	14
12	Sixteenth	3
13	Seventeenth	2
14	Eighteenth	1
15	Nineteenth	14
16	Twentieth	1
17	Twenty-first	6
18	Twenty-second	1
19	Twenty-third	13
20	Twenty-fourth	5
21	Twenty-fifth	2
22	Twenty-sixth	2
23	Twenty-seventh	6
24	Twenty-eighth	2
25	Twenty-ninth	5
26	Thirtieth	3
27	Thirty-first	10
28	Thirty-second	19
29	Thirty-third	2
30	Thirty-fourth	1

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

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

1 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided under paragraph (2),
2 the new judgeships added by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. §
3 911(a) shall be established on January 4, 2010, and shall be
4 initially filled by election at the 2009 municipal election.

5 (2) The new judgeship for the thirty-ninth judicial
6 district of this Commonwealth added by the amendment of 42
7 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall be established on January 2, 2012, and
8 shall be initially filled by election at the 2011 municipal
9 election.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.