

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 998 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY KORTZ, BOYD, BRIGGS, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL,
D. COSTA, DENLINGER, FABRIZIO, HALUSKA, LONGIETTI, MULLERY,
PASHINSKI, QUINN, SONNEY, VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD,
MARCH 9, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 9, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
3 qualifications of judicial officers generally.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3101(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3101. Qualifications of judicial officers generally.

9 (a) General rule.--Judges and magisterial district judges
10 shall be citizens of this Commonwealth. Judges, except judges of
11 the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court and the Traffic Court of
12 Philadelphia, shall be members of the bar of this Commonwealth.
13 Judges of the Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth Courts, for a
14 period of one year preceding their election or appointment and
15 during their continuance in office, shall reside within this
16 Commonwealth. Other judges and magisterial district judges, for
17 a period of one year preceding their election or appointment and

1 during their continuance in office, shall reside within their
2 respective districts, except when temporarily assigned to
3 another district pursuant to law. Judges and magisterial
4 district judges shall be at least [21] 25 years of age.

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6 Section 2. The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 3101(a) shall apply
7 to judges and magisterial district judges elected or appointed
8 on or after the effective date of this section.

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