
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1119 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, FARNESE, KILLION, K. WARD, ARNOLD, J. WARD
AND REGAN, APRIL 17, 2020

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, APRIL 17, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time,
3 providing for declaration of judicial emergencies.

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

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 5506. Declaration of judicial emergencies.

9 (a) Judicial emergencies.--Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of this chapter, if the time within which an action
11 must be commenced under this chapter is set to expire during a
12 judicial emergency declared by a governing authority under
13 Article V of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, a law of this
14 Commonwealth, a rule of court or other judicial order, the
15 following shall apply:

16 (1) The time within which the action must be commenced
17 shall be tolled.

18 (2) A person may commence the action within 30 days

1 after the expiration of the declared judicial emergency and
2 the action shall be deemed timely filed under section 5503(a)
3 (relating to commencement of matters).

4 (b) Applicability.--

5 (1) This section shall apply to any judicial district
6 for which a judicial emergency is declared. If a Statewide
7 judicial emergency is declared by a governing authority, this
8 section shall apply to all judicial districts.

9 (2) This section shall be retroactive to March 18, 2020.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.