
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **152** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MR. FLEMING, FEBRUARY 1, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY GENERAL
FEBRUARY 1, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 16 1836 (P L 715) entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration" increasing the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

- 1 Section 1 Section 8.1 act of June 16 1836 (P L 715) entitled "An
- 2 act relating to Reference and Arbitration" amended June 24 1959 (P
- 3 L 477) is amended to read
- 4 Section 8.1 The several courts of common pleas [The County Court]

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 [of Allegheny County] and the Municipal Court of Philadelphia may
2 by rules of court provide that all cases which are at issue where the
3 amount in controversy shall be two thousand dollars (\$2000) or less
4 and in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County and the County
5 Court of Allegheny County five thousand dollars (\$5000) or less except
6 those cases at issue involving title to real estate shall first be submitted
7 to and heard by a board of three (3) members of the bar within the
8 judicial district. Cases which are not at issue and whether or not suit
9 has been filed may be referred to the board of arbitration by agreement
10 of reference signed by counsel for both sides in the case. Said agree-
11 ment of reference shall define the issues involved for determination by
12 the board and when agreeable shall also contain stipulations with respect
13 to facts submitted or agreed or defenses waived. In such cases the
14 agreement of reference shall take the place of the pleadings in the
15 case and be filed of record.

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor