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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL**

No. **670**

Session of  
1961

MESSRS. LANE, WEINER, DEVLIN AND SARRAF,  
IN PLACE, MAY 23, 1961.

AS AMENDED ON THIRD READING, JULY 7, 1961.

**AN ACT**

Establishing a family court division in the Court of Common Pleas

FAMILY COURT of Allegheny County imposing certain jurisdiction over actions and other matters involving the family providing for a chief judge and board of judges clerk director and professional and other employes transferring certain duties of the Juvenile Court of Allegheny County and the domestic relations court branch of the county court to the family court division providing for subdivisions in the family court division estab-

**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.

lishing procedures for reconciliation and providing for the investigation and report of relevant factual information

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

1 Section 1 Short Title This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "Family Court of Allegheny County Act"

3 Section 2 Purpose Construction AND SEVERABILITY The pur-  
4 poses of this act are to eliminate the present fragmentation of jurisdic-  
5 tion over matters involving the family and to provide a proper forum  
6 with trained judicial and other professional personnel thereby correlating  
7 the knowledge and techniques available for solution of immediate family  
8 problems This act shall be liberally construed so as to fully accomplish  
9 these purposes THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE SEVER-  
10 ABLE AND IF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF ARE HELD  
11 TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, SUCH DECISION SHALL, NOT  
12 BE CONSTRUED TO IMPAIR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF  
13 THIS ACT IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AS THE LEGISLATIVE  
14 INTENT THAT THIS ACT WOULD HAVE BEEN ADOPTED  
15 HAD SUCH UNCONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS NOT BEEN  
16 INCLUDED HEREIN

1 Section 3 Family Court Established as Division of Court of Com-  
2 mon Pleas in Allegheny County There is hereby established as a division  
3 of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County a separate and  
4 distinct court to be known as the Family Court of Allegheny County  
5 As a division of the common pleas court the family court shall be a court  
6 of record and shall have all the powers which may be exercised by the  
7 common pleas court including the powers of a court of equity THERE  
8 IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE FAMILY COURT OF ALLE-  
9 GHENY COUNTY WHICH SHALL HAVE INTEGRATED JURIS-  
10 DICTION OVER CAUSES AND ACTIONS INVOLVING THE  
11 FAMILY AS SET OUT IN THIS ACT THE FAMILY COURT  
12 SHALL BE A COURT OF RECORD AND SHALL HAVE THE  
13 POWERS OF A COURT OF EQUITY FOR THE ADJUSTMENT  
14 OF FAMILY PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE PARTITION OF PROP-  
15 ERTY BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE AND THE GRANT-  
16 ING OF INJUNCTIONS TO EFFECT COMPLIANCE WITH THIS  
17 ACT AND THE ORDERS OF THE FAMILY COURT AND THE  
18 PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE FAMILY THE  
19 FAMILY COURT ALSO SHALL HAVE CRIMINAL JURISDIC-  
20 TION WHERE SO PROVIDED BY THIS ACT AND SHALL PRO-

1 VIDE FOR A JURY TRIAL IN THOSE CASES WHERE SUCH  
2 IS REQUIRED BY LAW AND SHALL ADOPT RULES OF CRIM-  
3 INAL PROCEDURE TO GOVERN SUCH ACTIONS

4 Section 4 Judges At least three judges elected or appointed to the  
5 office of judge of common pleas shall be assigned by the President Judge  
6 of common pleas to the family court and the judges so assigned together  
7 with the incumbent judge of the Juvenile Court of Allegheny County  
8 at the time this act takes effect shall comprise the Board of Judges of  
9 the Family Court The judges assigned by the President Judge may be  
10 assigned on a permanent basis The President Judge shall designate one  
11 of the assigned judges as chief judge THE FAMILY COURT SHALL  
12 CONSIST OF AT LEAST FOUR JUDGES THREE OF WHOM  
13 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE  
14 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT AND WHO SHALL SERVE  
15 UNTIL THEY OR THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED TO SUCH  
16 OFFICE AT THE NEXT REGULAR JUDICIAL ELECTION IN  
17 ALLEGHENY COUNTY THE INCUMBENT JUDGE OF THE  
18 JUVENILE COURT OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHALL BE A  
19 JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT ALL FAMILY COURT

1 JUDGES SHALL BE LEARNED IN THE LAW AND SHALL  
2 HOLD OFFICE FOR THE PERIOD OF TEN YEARS IF THEY  
3 SHALL SO LONG BEHAVE THEMSELVES WELL. THE JUDGES  
4 OF THE FAMILY COURT INCLUDING THE JUVENILE COURT  
5 JUDGE SHALL COMPRISE THE BOARD OF JUDGES OF THE  
6 FAMILY COURT AND ONE OF THEIR NUMBER SHALL BE  
7 DESIGNATED BY THEM AS CHIEF JUDGE TO SERVE FOR  
8 SUCH TERM AS THE BOARD BY RULE SHALL PROVIDE  
9 JUDGES OF THE FAMILY COURT SHALL RECEIVE THE  
10 SAME COMPENSATION AS THAT PAID TO THE JUDGES OF  
11 THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
12 AND THE CHIEF JUDGE SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME COM-  
13 PENSATION AS THAT PAID TO THE PRESIDENT JUDGE OF  
14 THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

15 Section 5 Chief Judge The chief judge shall be the chief adminis-  
16 trative and executive officer for the family court and shall

17 ~~(1) Report to and cooperate with the President Judge of common~~  
18 ~~pleas~~ (1) ISSUE AN ANNUAL REPORT AS TO THE OPERA-  
19 TIONS AND PROBLEMS OF THE FAMILY COURT WHICH  
20 REPORT SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC AND SHALL BE DELIV-

1 ERED TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
2 THE GOVERNOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY  
3 OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REQUESTING SUCH RE-  
4 PORT

5 (2) Preside at meetings of the Board of Judges of the Family  
6 Court

7 (3) Appoint the ~~clerk~~ MASTERS AND REFEREES of the family  
8 court and subject to the approval of the board of judges appoint the  
9 director of the administrative and professional staff

10 (4) Supervise the work of the director and employes under his  
11 supervision

12 (5) Have all the powers and duties necessary to make the pro-  
13 visions of this act effective except in so far as it is otherwise provided

14 Section 6 Board of Judges The board of judges shall have the  
15 power and duty to

16 (1) Approve the director appointed by the chief judge

17 (2) Make and promulgate ~~all rules~~ AND PUBLISH RULES AND  
18 regulations and forms required to carry out the provisions of this act  
19 including (i) court rules of procedure and practice FOR CIVIL CRIMI-  
20 NAL AND OTHER CASES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF

1 THE FAMILY COURT (ii) rules of procedure for hearings before  
2 masters and referees and appeals from their findings and recommenda-  
3 tions and (iii) rules as to admissibility of evidence ~~regarding the reports~~  
4 ~~and other findings of the administrative staff of the court~~ AND THE  
5 USE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORTS AND OTHER FINDINGS  
6 OF THE STAFF OR CONSULTANTS TO THE COURT PRO-  
7 VIDED ALL INTERESTED PARTIES HAVE DUE ADVANCE  
8 NOTICE OF ALL SUCH FINDINGS AND REPORTS AND UPON  
9 REQUEST AN OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE THE AU-  
10 THOR THEREOF

11 (3) Adopt a seal for the use of the court which seal shall be affixed  
12 to all writs processes transcripts and other official documents issued by  
13 or under the direction of the court

14 (4) Establish the policies for the conduct of the family court

15 (5) Prepare and submit its annual budget to the ~~President Judge~~  
16 ~~of common pleas~~ COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

17 (6) Prepare and publish an annual report ~~of the work of the family~~  
18 ~~court which report shall include relevant~~ REPORTS CONTAINING  
19 statistical and other data pertaining to the work ~~and services~~ of the

1 court research studies conducted by the staff and any recommendations  
2 for legislation

3 Section 7 Clerk of the Court Court Personnel The chief judge of  
4 the family court shall appoint a clerk who shall perform such duties as  
5 the chief judge shall direct The clerk PROTHONOTARY CLERK  
6 COURT PERSONNEL THE PROTHONOTARY OF ALLEGHENY  
7 COUNTY SHALL BE THE CLERK OF THE FAMILY COURT  
8 AND PERFORM ALL THE DUTIES THEREOF AT THE PLACE  
9 DESIGNATED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID COURT THERE  
10 SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE IN CHARGE OF A  
11 CLERK APPOINTED BY THE PROTHONOTARY WITH THE  
12 APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF JUDGES WHO SHALL HAVE  
13 CUSTODY OF THE SEAL TO BE KEPT AT SUCH PLACE AS  
14 WELL AS OF THE DOCKET OF THE COURT AND ALL PAPERS  
15 PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COURT AT SUCH  
16 PLACE THE BOARD OF JUDGES shall appoint such court personnel  
17 including tipstaves as are necessary for the efficient operation of the  
18 court The personnel appointed under this section shall be under the  
19 supervision of the ~~clerk and~~ JUDGE TO WHOM THEY ARE AS-  
20 SIGNED IF SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IS MADE BUT OTHER-

1 WISE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE chief judge

2 Section 8 Director of the Administrative and Professional Staff (a)

3 The director of the administrative and professional staff of the family

4 court shall be a professionally qualified probation officer with a graduate

5 degree in social work or behavioral sciences OR OF EQUIVALENT

6 EXPERIENCE and shall have had such work experience as required

7 by the board of judges The director shall be appointed by the chief judge

8 with the approval of the board of judges

9 (b) The director shall have the power and duty to

10 (1) Supervise the work of the administrative and professional staff

11 but not that of the clerk and court personnel provided for in section 7 of

12 this act

13 (2) Conduct such investigations studies reports and services as re-

14 quested by the family court or any judge thereof

15 (3) Appoint or employ such assistant directors marriage and family

16 counselors probation officers case workers SOCIAL WORKERS inves-

17 tigators psychiatrists psychologists statisticians clerks stenographers and

18 other personnel as are required to efficiently carry out the work of the

19 administrative and professional staff

1 (4) Prepare and make available to the court the ~~President Judge~~  
2 ~~of common pleas~~ CHIEF JUDGE AND BOARD OF JUDGES private  
3 or public agencies and the general public statistical reports data and  
4 analyses of the services of the staff and court

5 (5) Contract with private or public agencies for services essential  
6 to the operation of the family court provided that such contracts shall  
7 be approved by the board of judges

8 (6) Refer such cases as directed by the court or in his own discre-  
9 tion to private or public agencies as are best able to offer the services  
10 required

11 (7) Cooperate with colleges universities and community organiza-  
12 tions undertaking programs relating to the work of the court

13 Section 9 Professional and Administrative Staff (a) All staff person-  
14 nel appointed by the director shall be selected appointed and promoted  
15 under a personnel system based on merit and qualification as deter-  
16 mined by the board of judges

17 (b) Each member of the staff shall have such education and expe-  
18 rience qualifications as set forth by the board for the position to which  
19 he or she is to be appointed

1 (c) The salary paid each member of the staff shall be at least com-  
2 mensurate with that paid by Commonwealth agencies for persons of  
3 similar qualifications

4 (d) Psychiatrists psychologists and other professional personnel  
5 may be employed on a part-time or consulting basis

6 (e) In-service training and internships may be provided as approved  
7 by the board of judges and college or university students engaged in  
8 programs relating to the work of the court may be employed on a part-  
9 time basis

10 Section 10 Masters Referees Masters or referees learned in the law  
11 may be appointed by the chief judge to hear testimony and make findings  
12 of fact and recommendations in any matters within the jurisdiction of  
13 the court Appeals from the findings and recommendations of the masters  
14 or referees shall be allowed as provided by law OR OTHERWISE  
15 MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE TO CONDUCT  
16 INVESTIGATIONS AND TO HOLD HEARINGS AND TO MAKE  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS IN ANY MATTERS  
18 WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT WHERE SUCH  
19 IS PERMITTED BY LAW APPEALS FROM THE FINDINGS  
20 AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MASTERS OR REFEREES

1 AND HEARINGS DE NOVO SHALL BE ALLOWED AS PRO-  
2 VIDED BY LAW OR RULE OF COURT Masters and referees shall  
3 be compensated at a rate determined by the board of judges AND MAY  
4 BE ASSIGNED FROM THE REGULAR PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
5 OR SPECIALLY APPOINTED FROM OUTSIDE THE STAFF  
6 FOR A PARTICULAR MATTER

7 Section 11 Jurisdictions The family court shall have ~~exclusive~~ juris-  
8 diction in Allegheny County in the following cases actions or proceed-  
9 ings

10 (1) Divorce from the bonds of matrimony and from bed and board  
11 and annulment of marriage including the disposition of the following  
12 issues and matters

13 (i) the determination and disposition of property rights and inter-  
14 ests between spouses including any rights created by any antenuptial or  
15 postnuptial agreement and including the partition of property held as  
16 tenants by the entireties or otherwise and any accounting between them  
17 and the order of any alimony maintenance counsel fees costs or other  
18 allowance authorized by law

19 (ii) the future care custody and visitation rights as to children of  
20 such marriage or purported marriage

1 (iii) support maintenance or assistance for the benefit of any child  
2 of such marriage or purported marriage

3 (iv) the approval of any proper settlement involving any of the  
4 matters set forth in subclauses (i) (ii) and (iii) as submitted by the parties

5 (v) any other matters pertaining to such marriage and divorce or an-  
6 nulment authorized by law and which fairly and expeditiously may be  
7 determined and disposed of in such action

8 (2) Pertaining to maintenance or failure to maintain or to desertion  
9 and nonsupport of a wife child including a child born out of wedlock or  
10 parent

11 (3) Concerning any minor under eighteen years of age ~~which were~~  
12 ~~previous to this act within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court of~~  
13 ~~Allegheny County~~ AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE ACT OF JUNE  
14 3 1933 (P L 1449) AS AMENDED AND KNOWN AS THE "JUV-  
15 ENILE COURT LAW OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY" WHICH ACT  
16 WHERE APPLICABLE SHALL CONTROL ALL JUVENILE  
17 MATTERS BEFORE THE FAMILY COURT

18 (4) Where adults are charged with contributing to or encouraging  
19 or tending to cause by any act of omission or commission the delinquency

1 neglect or dependency of any child when such act of omission or commis-  
2 sion is a violation of any State law or ordinance of any political sub-  
3 division of the Commonwealth

4 (5) Concerning assault and battery by one spouse upon another  
5 spouse or by parent upon child or by child upon parent THAT CON-  
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7 (6) Concerning bastardy or paternity AND WHICH ACTIONS  
8 MAY BE TRIED BY CIVIL PROCEDURE RATHER THAN AS  
9 CRIMES ACCORDING TO RULES PROMULGATED BY THE  
10 FAMILY COURT

11 (7) Concerning charges of surety of the peace between spouses or  
12 between parents and children

13 IN EACH OF THE ABOVE CASES WHERE THE FAMILY  
14 COURT EXERCISES CRIMINAL JURISDICTION THE RIGHT  
15 TO A JURY TRIAL AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARAN-  
16 TEES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THOSE ACCUSED OF  
17 CRIME SHALL BE HELD INVIOLEATE AND ANY HEARING  
18 CONDUCTED SHALL BE ACCORDING TO RULES OF CRIM-  
19 INAL PROCEDURE THE FAMILY COURT SHALL HAVE SUCH

1 EQUITY POWERS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE PARTI-  
2 TION OF PROPERTY BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE AND  
3 FOR THE EFFECTUATION OF JUSTICE BETWEEN MEMBERS  
4 OF THE FAMILY AND PROTECTING THE FAMILY FROM  
5 OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE PROCEDURE UNDER THE "JU-  
6 VENILE COURT LAW OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY" AS AMEND-  
7 ED SHALL BE AS NOW PROVIDED BY LAW AND RULE OF  
8 COURT SUBJECT TO SUCH CHANGE AS MAY HEREAFTER  
9 BE MADE IN SUCH LAW OR RULE OF COURT

10       Section 12 Declaratory Judgments The family court may grant  
11 and issue declaratory judgments as to the validity of any marriage di-  
12 vorce or matrimonial causes decree and in such other cases as provided  
13 by law

14       Section 13 Conciliation Either spouse may file with the court an ap-  
15 plication for conciliation which application shall be forwarded to the  
16 director for investigation When the director reports that attempts at  
17 reconciliation are practicable and in the interests of the family the family  
18 court may issue a conciliation citation to the parties and require their at-  
19 tendance and participation in conferences presided over by a member of  
20 the staff Upon order of the court any action for support or for the ter-

1 mination of marriage may be stayed for ninety days following a concila-  
2 tion citation during which such conferences shall be held this period may  
3 be extended by agreement of the parties If at the end of the ninety days  
4 or longer agreed upon period a reconciliation has been effected the con-  
5 ciliation department shall prepare a conciliation stipulation for the dis-  
6 missal of any pending matrimonial action but if no reconciliation has  
7 been effected such fact shall be certified by the director to the court and  
8 any pending matter shall be heard without delay The court may order  
9 payment of temporary alimony or support and child support during the  
10 pendency of the conciliation proceeding and may order the attendance  
11 of witnesses at the conferences All statements made by parties during the  
12 course of conciliation shall be confidential communications and shall not  
13 be admissible in evidence in any proceeding for any purpose Cooperation  
14 with conciliation efforts shall not be regarded as condonation of any  
15 matrimonial offense During the conciliation period referrals may be  
16 made to outside public or private agencies for counseling or other services  
17 but in all cases submission to counseling shall be voluntary and not  
18 compulsory

1       Section 14 Procedure The procedures before the family court shall  
2 be as provided by law rule of the Supreme Court or by rule of the family  
3 court

4       Section 15 Miscellaneous Powers of the Family Court In addition  
5 to the powers conferred by law upon the court of common pleas and the  
6 powers conferred elsewhere in the act the family court shall have the  
7 power to

8       (1) Appoint a guardian ad litem to represent and protect the in-  
9 terests of any minor child whose parents are adverse parties in an action  
10 before the court

11       (2) Require that payments of support or other allowances ordered  
12 by the court shall be made directly to the court or other public agency  
13 designated by the court

14       (3) Commence upon its own motion contempt proceedings in cases  
15 of arrearages in support or other allowances ordered by the court

16       (4) Request ~~detail~~ DETAILED reports and recommendations by  
17 the director on any relevant aspect of a case before the court

18       (5) Require answers under oath to interrogatories relating to any  
19 matter before the court and in support cases such interrogatories may

1 be directed to the financial circumstances of the interrogated party

2 (6) On its own motion require any party to an action before it  
3 to appear in court and testify notwithstanding that the party is not  
4 within the territorial jurisdiction of the court BUT IS ELSEWHERE  
5 IN PENNSYLVANIA OR IF OUT OF PENNSYLVANIA IS A  
6 DOMICILIARY OF THIS COMMONWEALTH

7 (7) Dismiss any action and after such dismissal refer the parties  
8 to any appropriate agency private or public

9 Section 16 Facilities and Records (a) Separate facilities and a cen-  
10 tral repository for all reports and records shall be provided ~~The dockets~~  
11 ~~and records of proceedings of the court shall be kept separate from the~~  
12 ~~dockets and records of the court of common pleas~~

13 (b) Records may be withheld from indiscriminate public inspection  
14 by order of court provided that in any pending proceeding all reports  
15 records or other information shall be made available to all interested  
16 parties and their counsel

17 Section 17 Appeals Appeals from final orders decisions or judge-  
18 ments of the family court shall be directly to the Superior Court

19 Section 18 Pending Litigation All matters within the jurisdiction  
20 of the family court pending in any court of Allegheny County when

1 this act takes effect shall continue until concluded in the court with  
2 present jurisdiction After the effective date of this act all litigation  
3 within the jurisdiction of the family court shall be filed exclusively with  
4 the family court EXCEPT WHERE CONCURRENT JURISDIC-  
5 TION EXISTS BY LAW

6 Section 19 Certain Employes Records Transferred The employes  
7 records appropriations and all other matters of the Juvenile Court of  
8 Allegheny County and the Domestic Relations Section COURT of the  
9 County Court of Allegheny County are hereby transferred to the Fam-  
10 ily Court of Allegheny County

11 Section 20 Juvenile Court Judge Repeal of Juvenile Court Law  
12 of Allegheny County At the end of the term of the incumbent juvenile  
13 court judge or if the judgeship should be vacated at any time at the time  
14 such vacancy occurs the judgeship of the Juvenile Court of Allegheny  
15 County shall cease to exist and the act of June 3 1933 (P L 1440) known  
16 as the "Juvenile Court Law of Allegheny County" is hereby repealed  
17 such repeal to be effective at the end of the term of the present incum-  
18 bent judge or upon vacancy occurring in such office whichever occurs  
19 first OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY SECTION OF FAMILY COURT  
20 ALL STATUTES PERTAINING TO THE JUVENILE COURT OF

1 ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHALL CONTINUE IN FORCE AND  
2 EFFECT EXCEPT AS MODIFIED OR CHANGED BY THE PRO-  
3 VISIONS OF THIS ACT THE JUVENILE COURT SHALL BE A  
4 SECTION OF THE FAMILY COURT AND THE REGULARLY  
5 ELECTED JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT SHALL BE THE  
6 EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF SUCH SEC-  
7 TION AND SHALL HAVE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY  
8 FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS PERTAINING TO JUVE-  
9 NILES AND THE OPERATION OF THE SECTION WHEN NEED  
10 ARISES THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGE MAY REQUEST OTH-  
11 ER JUDGES OF THE FAMILY COURT TO HEAR JUVENILE  
12 MATTERS AND THE CHIEF JUDGE MAY REQUEST THE  
13 JUVENILE COURT JUDGE TO SIT ON OTHER DOMESTIC  
14 RELATIONS MATTERS THE STAFF OF THE JUVENILE COURT  
15 SHALL SERVE THE JUVENILE COURT SECTION OF THE  
16 FAMILY COURT AND IN ADDITION SHALL PERFORM SUCH  
17 OTHER SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY COURT AS DIRECTED  
18 BY THE BOARD OF JUDGES WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF  
19 THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGE INCLUDING THE TRAINING  
20 OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE FAMILY COURT

**1** Section 21 Repeals All other acts and parts of acts are repealed in

**2** so far they are inconsistent herewith

**3** Section 22 Effective Date This act shall take effect immediately

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