

No. 76.

AN ACT

To amend section one and section two, as amended, of an act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred ninety-eight), entitled "An act to establish a county court for the County of Allegheny, and prescribing its powers and duties; regulating the procedure therein, and providing for the expenses thereof," by fixing the number of judges of said court.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of an act, approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred ninety-eight), entitled "An act to establish a county court for the County of Allegheny, and prescribing its powers and duties; regulating the procedure therein, and providing for the expenses thereof," is hereby amended to read as follows:

County court of
county of
Allegheny.

Section 1 of act
of May 5, 1911
(P. L. 198),
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in the county of Allegheny there shall be and hereby is created a court of record, to be known as the County Court, to be composed of [one judge for each two hundred thousand of population, or fractional part thereof where such fractional part exceeds one hundred thousand; such population to be determined, from time to time, by the latest census of the United States] *six judges*.

Creation of court.

Number of judges.

Section 2. That section two of said act, which was amended by section one of an act, approved the fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred and two), entitled "An act to further amend section two of an act, entitled 'An act to establish a county court for the county of Allegheny, and prescribing its powers and duties; regulating the procedure therein, and providing for the expenses thereof,' approved the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, as amended by an act, entitled 'An act to amend section two of an act, entitled "An act to establish a county court for the county of Allegheny, and prescribing its powers and duties; regulating the procedure therein, and providing for the expenses thereof," approved the fifth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and changing the election of the judges therein mentioned from the general election to the municipal election, as now provided by law, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Pennsylvania,' approved the sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, by increasing the salaries of the judges of said court," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2 of said
act as amended by
section 1 of act of
May 14, 1915 (P.
L. 502), further
amended.

Election or ap-
pointment of
judges and terms
and salaries.

Section 2. The judges of said court shall be learned in the law, shall be elected by the qualified electors of the county of Allegheny; shall hold office for a period of ten years, if they shall so long behave themselves well; and shall receive [a salary of six thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly, except the presiding judge, whose salary shall be six thousand five hundred dollars per annum. The term of office of the elected judges of the court shall begin on the first Monday of January following their election.] *the salaries prescribed by law. The term of office of the elected judges of the court shall begin on the first Monday of January following their election.* The first judge or judges of said court shall be appointed by the Governor, by or with the advice and consent of the Senate, if then in session, and shall hold office until the first Monday of January following the next municipal election at which his or their successor or successors shall be elected. The first elected judges of the court shall be chosen at the municipal election next following such appointment. Succeeding elections for the said office shall be held at the municipal election preceding the expiration of the term of any judge, or at the following election, in case of vacancy by death, or otherwise, where such vacancy occurs not less than two calendar months before such municipal election. The vote for said judges shall be cast and counted according to law, and return thereof shall be made, without delay, by the prothonotary of said county to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, who shall ascertain and certify the result to the Governor, who, in turn, shall issue a commission to the person or persons so elected. Whenever a vacancy occurs by death, or otherwise, in the office of judge, [or when, upon the taking of any new census, the said county shall be entitled to an additional judge or judges,] the Governor shall appoint in the manner provided by law. At the organization of the court, the Governor shall designate one of the persons appointed by him as presiding judge of the court, and shall designate the priorities of the expirations of the respective commissions of the other judges, and upon other judges being elected to said court, for the same term, they shall draw lots for priority of expiration of commission, the result of which they shall certify to the Governor; and the judge holding the original commission first expiring shall, at all times thereafter, be commissioned as the presiding judge of said court.

Vacancy.

Organization.

APPROVED—The 1st day of April, A. D. 1925.

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