

providing for the expenses thereof," increasing the number of judges of the County Court of Philadelphia.

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

Section 1. Section 1, act of July 12, 1913 (P. L. 711), entitled "An act establishing a court for the county of Philadelphia; prescribing its jurisdiction and powers; providing for the service of its writs, process, or warrants by the proper officers of the county or city of Philadelphia; regulating the procedure therein, and appeals therefrom, and providing for the expenses thereof," amended August 7, 1963 (P. L. 563), is amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in the county of Philadelphia there shall be, and hereby is created, a court of record, to be known as the County Court of Philadelphia. It shall consist of a president judge, and [fifteen] nineteen associate judges.

Section 2. At the municipal election in November, 1965, the four additional associate judges provided for by this act shall be elected by the qualified electors of the county and the candidates who then receive the highest vote, shall be declared elected. Vacancies in the offices hereby created whether caused by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise shall be filled in the same manner as is required by law in case of a similar vacancy in the office of judge of said court.

Section 3. The Governor may appoint four persons learned in the law and otherwise legally qualified, and commission them as associate judges of the County Court of Philadelphia, to serve until the first Monday of January, 1966.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 1st day of April, A. D. 1965.

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No. 7

AN ACT

HB 441

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1333), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating

the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," providing for the creation, division, realignment or consolidation of wards in cities of the first class and defining procedure therefor.

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

Section 1. The article heading of Article V, act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1333), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code," is amended to read:

ARTICLE V
Election Districts and Polling Places
in Cities of the First Class, Division of Wards

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Section 2. Article V of the act is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new subdivision to read:

(c) Creation, Division, Realignment and
Consolidation of Wards in Cities of the First Class

Section 532. Wards in Cities of the First Class May be Created,
Divided, Realigned, or Consolidated.—

(a) Wards in a city of the first class may be created, divided, realigned or consolidated, by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county in which said city is located, upon application thereto for those purposes by the petition of at least a total of one hundred qualified electors from the ward or wards sought to be affected, or of the council of such city.

(b) Upon such petition, the said court shall appoint five impartial persons as a commission to inquire into and consider the merits of said petition, by such procedure as said court shall direct, to inspect the ward or wards sought to be affected, and to prepare a plan of the ward or wards proposed to be created, divided, realigned or consolidated.

(c) Said commission shall submit its report and plan within such time as shall be fixed by the said court.

(d) Unless at least four of said commissioners report favorably upon said petition and agree upon an implementing plan, said petition shall be dismissed by said court and the subject or subjects of said petition shall not be reconsidered for at least two years from the date of such dismissal.

(e) In the event at least four of said commissioners shall report favorably upon said petition and agree upon an implementing plan, said court shall enter a preliminary order effectuating same: Provided, however, That no final order shall be entered until at least ten days after notice to the electors in the wards to be affected thereby. Such notice shall be in the manner, form and means directed by said court, shall state the date of consideration by the court and shall contain a warning that all objections to said report and plan must be set forth in writing and filed with the clerk of the court prior to such date.

(f) On or after such given date, the court shall enter such final order as to it appears just and reasonable and will best serve the public interest, shall number the new ward or wards and shall cause a certified copy of the whole proceedings to be placed of record among the minutes of the city council and with the Mayor of said city.

(g) Upon the appointment of said commission, it shall prepare and submit to the said court, for consideration and approval, a proposed budget of the expenses involved in connection with its duties and functions. After the filing of its report, the commission shall prepare and submit to said court for consideration and approval, its request for allowance of fees and any supplemental expenses. Upon approval of these items, said court shall enter an order directing payment by said city.

Section 3. The act of June 25, 1937 (P. L. 2080), entitled "An act providing for the creation, division, and consolidation of wards in cities of the first class; and defining procedure therefor," is repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of April, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 8

AN ACT

HB 89

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes: amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," authorizing appropriations for a