

No. 500  
AN ACT

To establish a separate orphans' court in and for the county of Beaver.

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

Courts.

Separate orphans' court established for Beaver County.

Section 1. In the thirty-sixth judicial district of the Commonwealth, composed of the county of Beaver, a separate orphans' court is hereby established, the name and style of which shall be the Orphans' Court of Beaver County, which court shall be a court of record and shall consist of one judge learned in the law.

Annual salary of judge.

Section 2. Said judge shall hold office in the manner as the judges of the court of common pleas of the county. The annual salary of the said judge shall be the same as is paid to the judges of the court of common pleas of the said county, and shall be paid in the same manner as the salaries of said judges of the court of common pleas are now or may be hereafter made by law payable.

Terms of court.

Section 3. The terms of court of the said orphans' court shall be the same as the terms of the court of common pleas of the said county, and may also be held at such other times and as often as the judge thereof shall deem necessary and proper.

Jurisdiction and powers.

Section 4. The said court shall have and exercise all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in, or which may hereafter be conferred upon, the orphans' courts of the Commonwealth under and by virtue of the laws thereof.

County commissioners to provide courtroom and offices.

Section 5. The commissioners of the said county shall provide proper and suitable apartments in which the said orphans' court shall be held and its business transacted, and in which the records thereof shall be safely and securely kept.

APPROVED—The 9th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 501  
AN ACT

To amend section 1 and the fourth paragraph of section 2 of the act, approved the twelfth day of July, one thousand nine hundred thirteen (Pamphlet Laws 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," by increasing the number of judges of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia.

\* "court" in original.

## Courts.

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

Section 1, act of July 12, 1913, P. L. 711, amended.

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Municipal Court of Philadelphia created.

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 Municipal Court of Philadelphia. It shall consist of a president judge, and [one associate judge for each two hundred thousand of population, or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred thousand, in such county; such population to be determined, from time to time, by the latest census of the United States] *thirteen associate judges*.

President Judge.

Number of associate judges increased.

Fourth paragraph of section 2, said act, as amended by act of May 25, 1921, P. L. 1161, further amended.

Section 2. The fourth paragraph of section 2 of said act, as amended by the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1161), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2.

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Filling vacancies.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of judge, [or when by reason of a new United States census more judges are to be chosen,] the Governor shall appoint judges to hold office until the first Monday of January succeeding the next municipal election, at which election the vacancies shall be filled [and the additional judges caused by such increase in population shall be elected to the full term of ten years from the first Monday of January next following such election].

Governor to appoint three associate judges.

Section 3. The Governor shall appoint three persons learned in the law and otherwise legally qualified, and commission them as associate judges of Municipal Court of Philadelphia, to serve until the first Monday of January of the year following the next municipal election, the primary for which occurs at least sixty days after the effective date of this act, at which election successors to the judges so appointed shall be elected by the duly qualified electors of Philadelphia County.

Term of office.

Election of successors.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE