

Election.

Section 2. At the * municipal election in November, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five, the qualified electors of the said thirty-fifth judicial district shall elect, in the same manner prescribed by law for the election of the president judge of the court of common pleas of said district, a competent person learned in the law to serve as said additional law judge of the court of common pleas of said thirty-fifth judicial district from the first Monday in January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six, for a term of ten years. Vacancies in the office 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 president judge of said court.

Manner of filling subsequent vacancies.

Governor to make interim appointment.

Section 3. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a competent person learned in the law as such additional law judge of the court of common pleas of the said thirty-fifth judicial district, to serve until the first Monday of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.

Act effective immediately.

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

APPROVED—The 26th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 399

AN ACT

To provide for an additional law judge of the court of common pleas in the ninth judicial district.

Courts.

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

Additional law judge authorized and provided for ninth judicial district.

Section 1. In addition to the judge provided for in the act, approved the eighth day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 1844), entitled "An act to designate the several judicial districts of the Commonwealth, as required by the Constitution, and to provide for the election and commissioning of judges learned in the law for the said districts," an additional law judge is hereby authorized and provided for the court of common pleas of the ninth judicial district, who shall possess the same qualifications which are required by the Constitution and laws for the president judge of the court of common pleas of said district, and who shall hold his office for a like term and by the same tenure and shall have the same power, authority and jurisdiction and shall be subject to the same duties, restrictions and penalties and shall receive the same compensation provided for by law for judges learned in

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the law, as if the same office had been established in the time of and subject to the provisions of the act, approved the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 1821), entitled "An act to fix the salaries and compensation of the judges of the Supreme Court, the judges of the Superior Court, the judges of the courts of common pleas, the judges of the orphans' courts, the judges of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia and the judges of the County Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned in the law, and repealing certain acts inconsistent herewith."

Section 2. At the municipal election in November, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five, the qualified electors of the ninth judicial district shall elect, in the manner prescribed by law for the election of the president judge of the court of common pleas of the district, a competent person learned in the law to serve as additional law judge of the court of common pleas of the ninth judicial district from the first Monday in January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six, for a term of ten (10) years. Vacancies in the office 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 president judge of said court.

Election.

Manner of filling subsequent vacancies.

Section 3. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a competent person learned in the law as such additional law judge of the court of common pleas of the ninth judicial district, to serve until the first Monday of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.

Governor to make interim appointment.

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

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 26th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 400

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws 127), entitled "An act relating to Adoption," by defining certain terms; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Welfare; providing for appeals; requiring reports concerning receiving children for adoption and investigation thereof; changing contents of petition for adoption; providing procedure for the voluntary relinquishment of and for the finding of abandonment of certain children; eliminating certain consents to adoption; and further providing for hearings and investigatory powers of the court.

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

Adoption.