

business of the Commonwealth by providing suitable clerical assistance," amended July 13, 1961 (P. L. 599), is amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That to facilitate the labors of the judges of the court of common pleas and orphans' court of the county in which the seat of government is or may be located in the disposition of the business of the Commonwealth, the said judges are hereby authorized to appoint and set the salaries of stenographers and clerks provided the cost of such help shall not exceed the sum of [six thousand seven hundred dollars (\$6700)] *seven thousand two hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$7258)* per annum for each of said judges. Such salaries shall be paid by the Commonwealth.

Appointment and salaries of stenographers and clerks.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of August, A. D. 1963.

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No. 461

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Welfare and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Welfare to cooperate with and to accept and disburse moneys received from, the United States Government for assistance to such persons; providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board, Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund, and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance, and the State Emergency Relief Board," changing provisions concerning eligibility for medical assistance for the aged and applications for benefits as to public nursing homes.

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

Public Assistance Law.

Section 1. Clause (4) of subsection (c) of section 9.1 and subsection (b) of section 13.1, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," added July 26, 1961 (P. L. 875), are amended to read:

Clause (4), subsection (c), section 9.1 and subsection (b), section 13.1, act of June 24, 1937, P. L. 2051, added July 26, 1961, P. L. 875, amended.

Section 9.1. Medical Assistance for the Aged.—* * *

(c) A person shall be eligible for medical assistance for the aged, if he—

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(4) With respect to medical assistance for the aged other than public nursing *home care*, is a single person or married but not living with spouse and has an annual income of not more than [fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500)] *twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400)* and real and personal property, exclusive of resident property, household furnishings and automobile of a value, less encumbrances, of not more than [fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500)] *twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400)*; or is living with spouse and their combined annual income does not exceed [twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400)] *thirty-eight hundred forty dollars (\$3840)* and the value less encumbrances of their combined real and personal property, exclusive of resident property, household furnishings and automobile, does not exceed [twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400)] *thirty-eight hundred forty dollars (\$3840)*; except that when minor or incompetent children live with and are dependent upon the applicant, the maximum income shall be adjusted upward in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each such child: Provided, however, That when a person otherwise eligible for such medical assistance for the aged has property valued in excess of the appropriate amount specified in this subsection he shall be eligible for such medical assistance for the aged, but the payment for which he is eligible shall be reduced by the amount of such excess, and when a person otherwise eligible for such medical assistance for the aged has income in excess of the appropriate amount specified in this subsection, the payment for which he is eligible shall be reduced by six times the average monthly excess of such income;

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Section 13.1. *Application.—* * *

(b) Whenever a person in need of medical assistance for the aged *or public nursing home care* is unable to make application therefor by reason of his illness or infirmity, application on his behalf may be made by a relative, friend or official of the [hospital] *institution* providing medical care. Such application shall contain a statement as required in subsection (a) of this section and a bond conditioned as therein provided, except that such applicant shall be permitted to make affidavit that the facts set forth in such statement are, to the best of his knowledge and belief, true and correct.

APPROVED—The 14th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

* "Applications" in original.