

No. 450

AN ACT

HB 1507

Providing for a course of instruction and training for justices of the peace and aldermen.

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

Section 1. The Department of Public Instruction shall provide a course of training and education for justices of the peace and aldermen elected or appointed for a term of office commencing on and after November 7, 1967.

Section 2. The required course of training and education shall not exceed three months duration, one month of which shall be provided after the election or appointment of a justice of the peace or alderman and prior to the exercise of jurisdiction or the performance of any judicial act.

Section 3. The jurisdiction of the justices of the peace or aldermen shall be limited to summary offenses until said justice of the peace or aldermen shall have completed the course of training and education. No justice of the peace or alderman elected or appointed for a term of office commencing on and after the seventh day of November, 1967 except one who has been admitted to practice law in this Commonwealth, shall exercise jurisdiction or perform any judicial act other than in a summary proceeding unless he has filed in the Office of the Prothonotary in the county for which he has been selected a Certificate of Completion, in a form prescribed by the Department of Public Instruction, of the course of training and education approved by the Administrative Board established and organized as hereinafter provided within six months of the date of election or appointment. The Governor shall declare the office of any justice of the peace or alderman vacant, if such certificate is not filed in the proper prothonotary's office within such period of six months.

Section 4. There shall be appointed an Administrative Board composed of one Judge of the Superior Court, three members of the bar, three justices of the peace or aldermen and two lay citizens. The judge and the members of the bar on such Administrative Board shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Supreme Court. The lay citizens and justices of the peace shall be appointed by the Governor. The first Judge of the Superior Court appointed to the Administrative Board shall be appointed for a term of five years, or until his term as a judge expires. His successors as members of the board shall be appointed for like terms. Of the other

original members of the board, one member of the bar and one justice of the peace or alderman shall be appointed for terms of three years, one member of the bar, one justice of the peace or alderman and one lay citizen shall be appointed for terms of four years, and one member of the bar, one justice of the peace or alderman and one lay citizen shall be appointed for terms of five years, and until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Thereafter, each such appointment shall be for a term of five years or until a successor is appointed and qualified. Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and no action of the board shall be valid unless it shall have the concurrence of at least five members. The Administrative Board shall prescribe or approve the subject matter and shall approve the examination for the course of instruction and training to be provided under the auspices of the Department of Public Instruction or other person or persons approved by the Department of Public Instruction. The Department of Public Instruction or other person or persons approved by it shall have a course of instruction and training available at all times in order that any person elected or appointed to the office of justice of the peace or alderman shall be able to take the course immediately after their election or appointment.

Section 5. At the completion of said course of training and education, the Administrative Board shall issue a certificate certifying that the person taking the course of training and education is qualified to perform his duties under this act. Such certificate shall be in a form prescribed by the Administrative Board and shall be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary of the county in which the justice of the peace or alderman resides.

The cost of said course shall be at the expense of the Commonwealth.

Section <sup>1</sup> 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of January, A. D. 1968.

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No. 451

AN ACT

SB 818

Amending the act of June 15, 1961 (P. L. 373), entitled "An act providing for the imposition of certain taxes upon the transfer of property passing from a decedent who was a resident of the Commonwealth at the time of his death or presumed death and of property having its situs in the Commonwealth of a decedent who was a nonresident of the Commonwealth at the time of his death or presumed death; imposing additional taxes to equal Federal Estate Tax Credits; defining and taxing certain transfers made in contemplation of death, or to take effect in possession or

<sup>1</sup> "7" in original.