

No. 275
AN ACT

HB 1548

Amending the act of January 25, 1966 (P. L. 1580), entitled "An act providing for post conviction hearings and establishing the procedure therefor," changing provisions relating to the appointment of counsel.

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

Section 1. Section 12, act of January 25, 1966 (P. L. 1580), known as the "Post Conviction Hearing Act," is amended to read:

Section 12. Pauper Petitions.—If the petition alleges that the petitioner is unable to pay the costs of the proceeding, the court may order that the petitioner be permitted to proceed as a poor person and order a transcript of the proceedings delivered to the petitioner. If the petitioner is without counsel and alleges that he is without means to procure counsel, he shall state whether or not he wishes counsel to be appointed to represent him. If appointment of counsel is so requested and the court is of the opinion that a hearing on the petition is required, the court shall appoint counsel if satisfied that the petitioner has no means to procure counsel. The appointment of counsel shall not be required if the petitioner's claim is patently frivolous and without trace of support in the record as provided by section 9 of the act.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

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No. 276
AN ACT

HB 1554

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," further providing for the compensation of township auditors in townships of the first class.

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