

No. 167

AN ACT

SB 331

To provide for twenty-five additional law judges of the court of common pleas in the first judicial district, eight in the fifth judicial district, one in the sixth judicial district, two in the seventh judicial district, one in the eleventh judicial district, one in the fifteenth judicial district, one in the sixteenth judicial district, one in the nineteenth judicial district, one in the thirty-first judicial district, three in the thirty-second judicial district, one in the thirty-sixth judicial district, three in the thirty-eighth judicial district, one in the fortieth judicial district, one in the forty-third judicial district and one in the forty-fifth judicial district.

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

Section 1. In addition to the judges provided for in the act of January 8, 1952 (P.L.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," twenty-five additional law judges are hereby authorized and provided for the court of common pleas of the first judicial district, eight for the fifth judicial district, one for the sixth judicial district, two for the seventh judicial district, one for the eleventh judicial district, one for the fifteenth judicial district, one for the sixteenth judicial district, one for the nineteenth judicial district, one for the thirty-first judicial district, three for the thirty-second judicial district, one for the thirty-sixth judicial district, three for the thirty-eighth judicial district, one for the fortieth judicial district, one for the forty-third judicial district and one for the forty-fifth 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 the district and who shall hold their offices 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 the law as if the same offices had been established in the time of and subject to the provisions of the act of June 1, 1956 (P.L.1959), entitled, as amended, "An act fixing the salaries and compensation of the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court, the President Judge and judges of the Superior Court, the judges of the courts of common pleas, the judges of the orphans' courts, the judges of the County Court of Philadelphia and the judges of the County Court and Juvenile Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned in the law, certain state officers, and the salary and expenses of the members of the General Assembly, and repealing certain inconsistent acts."

Section 2. At the municipal election in November, 1973, the qualified

electors of the first, fifth, sixth, seventh, eleventh, fifteenth, sixteenth, nineteenth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-sixth, thirty-eighth, fortieth, forty-third and forty-fifth judicial districts shall elect, twenty-five competent persons learned in the law to serve as additional law judges of the court of common pleas of the first judicial district, four in the fifth judicial district, one in the sixth judicial district, two in the seventh judicial district, one in the eleventh judicial district, one in the fifteenth judicial district, one in the sixteenth judicial district, one in the nineteenth judicial district, one in the thirty-first judicial district, three in the thirty-second judicial district, one in the thirty-sixth judicial district, three in the thirty-eighth judicial district, one in the fortieth judicial district, one in the forty-third judicial district, and one in the forty-fifth judicial district, from the first Monday in January, 1974, for a term of ten years. The additional law judges shall be elected in the same manner prescribed by law for the election of the president judges of the courts of common pleas of the districts.

When vacancies occur after the initial appointments by the Governor as provided in section 3 hereof, whether caused by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise, they shall be filled in the manner required by the Constitution.

Section 3. The Governor may appoint twenty-five competent persons learned in the law, as additional law judges of the court of common pleas of the first judicial district, four in the fifth judicial district, one in the sixth judicial district, two in the seventh judicial district, one in the eleventh judicial district, one in the fifteenth judicial district, one in the sixteenth judicial district, one in the nineteenth judicial district, one in the thirty-first judicial district, three in the thirty-second judicial district, one in the thirty-sixth judicial district, three in the thirty-eighth judicial district, one in the fortieth judicial district, one in the forty-third judicial district and one in the forty-fifth judicial district, to serve until the first Monday of January, 1974.

After January 1, 1973, the Governor may appoint four competent persons learned in the law as additional law judges of the court of common pleas of the fifth judicial district to serve until the first Monday in January, 1976.

Section 4. At the municipal election in November, 1975, the qualified electors of the fifth judicial district shall elect four competent persons learned in the law to serve as additional law judges of the court of common pleas of the fifth judicial district from the first Monday in January, 1976 for a term of ten years.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of December, A. D. 1971.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Secretary of the Commonwealth.