

No. 1984-150

AN ACT

HB 88

Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for additional judges for the courts of common pleas, compensation of assigned district justices and assignment of senior Philadelphia Municipal Court judges.

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

Section 1. Sections 911 and 4122 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended as follows:

§ 911. Courts of common pleas.

(a) General rule.—There shall be one court of common pleas for each judicial district of this Commonwealth consisting of the following number of judges:

Judicial District	Number of Judges
First	81
Second	[6] 7
Third	5
Fourth	1
Fifth	[39] 41
Sixth	[6] 8
Seventh	[10] 11
Eighth	2
Ninth	[3] 4
Tenth	[8] 9
Eleventh	7
Twelfth	6
Thirteenth	1
Fourteenth	4
Fifteenth	[7] 8
Sixteenth	2
Seventeenth	[1] 2
Eighteenth	1
Nineteenth	[6] 7
Twentieth	1
Twenty-first	5
Twenty-second	1
Twenty-third	[6] 7
Twenty-fourth	[3] 4
Twenty-fifth	1
Twenty-sixth	1

Twenty-seventh	5
Twenty-eighth	1
Twenty-ninth	3
Thirtieth	2
Thirty-first	[6] 7
Thirty-second	[14] 15
Thirty-third	1
Thirty-fourth	1
Thirty-fifth	3
Thirty-sixth	5
Thirty-seventh	1
Thirty-eighth	15
Thirty-ninth	2
Fortieth	2
Forty-first	1
Forty-second	1
Forty-third	[2] 3
Forty-fourth	1
Forty-fifth	5
Forty-sixth	[1] 2
Forty-seventh	[4] 5
Forty-eighth	1
Forty-ninth	2
Fiftieth	3
Fifty-first	[1] 2
Fifty-second	3
Fifty-third	[2] 3
Fifty-fourth	1
Fifty-fifth	1
Fifty-sixth	1
Fifty-seventh	1
Fifty-eighth	1
Fifty-ninth	1
Sixtieth	1

(b) Single county districts.—In single county judicial districts the court of common pleas of the district shall be known as the “Court of Common Pleas of (the respective) County.”

(c) Multicounty districts.—In multicounty judicial districts the court of common pleas of the district shall be known as the “Court of Common Pleas of the (respective) Judicial District.” There shall be a separate branch of the court in each county comprising the judicial district.

§ 4122. Assignment of district justices.

(a) General rule.—Subject to general rules any district justice may be temporarily assigned to any other magisterial district or the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court or the Traffic Court of Philadelphia, and may there hear and determine any matter with like effect as if duly commissioned to sit in such other district or in such court.

(b) Senior district justices.—A senior district justice who shall not have been defeated for reelection or been suspended or removed from office may, with his consent, be assigned on temporary magisterial service pursuant to subsection (a). A senior district justice shall be paid a per diem salary at the same annual rate as is applicable in the district where he is temporarily assigned and shall receive expenses at the same per diem rate as other justices temporarily assigned.

(c) *Additional compensation.*—*A district justice, assigned by the court of common pleas to perform additional part-time duties in a district other than the one in which he is elected, shall be entitled to receive additional compensation of \$20 per day for each day he performs assigned duties. Any assignment which exceeds five days within any 30-day period shall be approved by the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania.*

Section 2. Title 42 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 4124. *Assignment of senior Philadelphia Municipal Court judges.*

A senior judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court who has not been defeated for reelection or suspended or removed from office and who has served an aggregate of four years as an elected judge and who is required to retire at age 70 may, with his consent, be assigned on temporary judicial service to that court.

Section 3. The vacancies created by the new judgeships added by section 1 of this act shall be filled by election at the first municipal election occurring after the effective date of this act, except that the vacancies created in the fifth, twenty-fourth and thirty-second judicial districts shall be filled pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 3135 (relating to increase in number of judges).

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1984.

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