

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **361** Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY J. WARD, COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 31, 2023

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 31, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in organization and
3 jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, further providing for
4 courts of common pleas.

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

7 Section 1. Section 911(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 911. Courts of common pleas.

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

	Number of
Judicial District	Judges
First	93
Second	15
Third	9
Fourth	1

1	Fifth	43	
2	Sixth	9	
3	Seventh	15	
4	Eighth	[3] 4	
5	Ninth	7	
6	Tenth	11	
7	Eleventh	10	
8	Twelfth	10	
9	Thirteenth	2	
10	Fourteenth	5	
11	Fifteenth	[14] 15	
12	Sixteenth	3	
13	Seventeenth	2	
14	Eighteenth	1	
15	Nineteenth	15	
16	Twentieth	[1] 2	
17	Twenty-first	6	
18	Twenty-second	2	
19	Twenty-third	13	
20	Twenty-fourth	5	
21	Twenty-fifth	2	
22	Twenty-sixth	[2] 3	
23	Twenty-seventh	7	
24	Twenty-eighth	2	
25	Twenty-ninth	5	
26	Thirtieth	3	
27	Thirty-first	[10] 11	<--
28	Thirty-second	21	
29	Thirty-third	2	
30	Thirty-fourth	1	

1	Thirty-fifth	4	
2	Thirty-sixth	7	
3	Thirty-seventh	2	
4	Thirty-eighth	[24] 26	<--
5	Thirty-ninth	5	
6	Fortieth	3	
7	Forty-first	2	
8	Forty-second	2	
9	Forty-third	7	
10	Forty-fourth	1	
11	Forty-fifth	9	
12	Forty-sixth	2	
13	Forty-seventh	5	
14	Forty-eighth	2	
15	Forty-ninth	4	
16	Fiftieth	[6] 7	
17	Fifty-first	4	
18	Fifty-second	4	
19	Fifty-third	4	
20	Fifty-fourth	1	
21	Fifty-fifth	1	
22	Fifty-sixth	3	
23	Fifty-seventh	2	
24	Fifty-eighth	2	
25	Fifty-ninth	1	
26	Sixtieth	2	

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28 Section 2. The new judgeships for the Eighth Judicial
29 District, ~~Twenty sixth Judicial District~~ and Fiftieth Judicial <--
30 District added by the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 911(a) shall be

1 established on January 1, 2026, and shall be initially filled by
2 election at the 2025 municipal election.

3 SECTION 3. THE NEW JUDGESHIPS FOR THE THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL <--
4 DISTRICT ADDED BY THE AMENDMENT OF 42 PA.C.S. § 911(A) SHALL BE
5 ESTABLISHED ON JANUARY 1, 2028, AND SHALL BE INITIALLY FILLED BY
6 ELECTION AT THE 2027 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

7 Section 3 4. This act shall take effect immediately. <--