

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2175 Session of 2020

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, OCTOBER 21, 2020

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; AND, in depositions and witnesses,
5 further providing for expert testimony in certain criminal
6 proceedings.

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

9 ~~Section 1. Section 5920(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania~~ <--
10 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

11 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 911(A) AND 5920(A) OF TITLE 42 OF THE <--
12 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

13 § 911. COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS.

14 (A) GENERAL RULE.--THERE SHALL BE ONE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
15 FOR EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH CONSISTING OF
16 THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF JUDGES:

17 NUMBER OF

1	JUDICIAL DISTRICT	JUDGES
2	FIRST	93
3	SECOND	15
4	THIRD	9
5	FOURTH	1
6	FIFTH	43
7	SIXTH	9
8	SEVENTH	15
9	EIGHTH	3
10	NINTH	7
11	TENTH	11
12	ELEVENTH	10
13	TWELFTH	10
14	THIRTEENTH	2
15	FOURTEENTH	5
16	FIFTEENTH	14
17	SIXTEENTH	3
18	SEVENTEENTH	2
19	EIGHTEENTH	1
20	NINETEENTH	15
21	TWENTIETH	[1] 2
22	TWENTY-FIRST	6
23	TWENTY-SECOND	2
24	TWENTY-THIRD	13
25	TWENTY-FOURTH	5
26	TWENTY-FIFTH	2
27	TWENTY-SIXTH	[2] 3
28	TWENTY-SEVENTH	7
29	TWENTY-EIGHTH	2
30	TWENTY-NINTH	5

1	THIRTIETH	3
2	THIRTY-FIRST	10
3	THIRTY-SECOND	21
4	THIRTY-THIRD	2
5	THIRTY-FOURTH	1
6	THIRTY-FIFTH	4
7	THIRTY-SIXTH	7
8	THIRTY-SEVENTH	2
9	THIRTY-EIGHTH	24
10	THIRTY-NINTH	5
11	FORTIETH	3
12	FORTY-FIRST	2
13	FORTY-SECOND	2
14	FORTY-THIRD	7
15	FORTY-FOURTH	1
16	FORTY-FIFTH	9
17	FORTY-SIXTH	2
18	FORTY-SEVENTH	5
19	FORTY-EIGHTH	2
20	FORTY-NINTH	4
21	FIFTIETH	6
22	FIFTY-FIRST	4
23	FIFTY-SECOND	4
24	FIFTY-THIRD	4
25	FIFTY-FOURTH	1
26	FIFTY-FIFTH	1
27	FIFTY-SIXTH	3
28	FIFTY-SEVENTH	2
29	FIFTY-EIGHTH	2
30	FIFTY-NINTH	1

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§ 5920. Expert testimony in certain criminal proceedings.

(a) Scope.--This section applies to all of the following:

(1) A criminal proceeding for an offense [for which registration is required] listed under Subchapter H of Chapter 97 (relating to registration of sexual offenders) or Subchapter I of Chapter 97 (relating to continued registration of sexual offenders).

(2) A criminal proceeding for an offense [under 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 31 (relating to sexual offenses).], including attempt, solicitation or conspiracy, under any of the following provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses):

(i) Chapter 30 (relating to human trafficking), if the offense involved sexual servitude.

(ii) Chapter 31 (relating to sexual offenses).

(iii) Section 4302 (relating to incest).

(iv) Section 4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children), if the offense involved sexual contact with the victim.

(v) Section 5902(b) or (b.1) (relating to prostitution and related offenses).

(vi) Section 6301(a)(1)(i) (relating to corruption of minors), if the offense involved sexual contact with the victim.

(vii) Section 6301(a)(1)(ii).

(viii) Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children).

(ix) Section 6318 (relating to unlawful contact with

1 minor).

2 (x) Section 6320 (relating to sexual exploitation of
3 children).

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5 SECTION 2. THE NEW JUDGESHIPS FOR THE TWENTIETH AND TWENTY- <--
6 SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS ADDED BY THE AMENDMENT OF 42 PA.C.S. §
7 911(A) SHALL BE ESTABLISHED ON JANUARY 3, 2022, AND SHALL BE
8 INITIALLY FILLED BY ELECTION AT THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

9 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~. AS <--
10 FOLLOWS:

11 (1) THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL TAKE EFFECT
12 IMMEDIATELY:

13 (I) THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 911(A) OF THE ACT.

14 (II) SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT.

15 (III) THIS SECTION.

16 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60
17 DAYS.