No. 1977-13

## AN ACT

SB 431

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing for the appointment of a solicitor by the coroner, only in counties of the second class.

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

Section 1. The act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the "Second Class County Code," is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 1249. Solicitor to Coroner.—The coroner may appoint one person, learned in the law, as his solicitor. The solicitor shall advise the coroner upon all legal matters that may be submitted to him, and shall conduct any litigation in connection with the coroner's office when requested to do so by him.

The salary of the solicitor shall be determined by the salary board. This salary shall be paid out of the fees received and paid into the office of the coroner.

All costs and expenses incurred by the coroner in any manner connected with litigation or claims arising out of or relating to his office, shall be paid by the county out of fees received by the coroner's office. The provisions of this section shall apply only to counties of the second class.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of June, A. D. 1977.

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