

powers conferred by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing.

Section 17. Construction of Act.—(a) This act, being necessary for the welfare of the Commonwealth and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

(b) If any provision of the title or any section or clause of this act, or the application thereof to any person, party, corporation, public or private, shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall be confirmed in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered, and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any provision of the title or any section or clause of this act, or the application of any part thereof to any other person, party, corporation, public or private, or circumstance and, to this end, the provisions of the title, or any section or clause of this act, hereby are declared to be severable. It hereby is declared as the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had any provision declared unconstitutional not been included herein.

Section 18. Effective Date.—The provisions of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 6th day of December, A. D. 1967.

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No. 319

AN ACT

HB 64

To provide for an additional law judge of the court of common pleas in the fifty-second 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," an additional law judge is hereby authorized and provided for the court of common pleas of the fifty-second 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 his office 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 office 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, 1969, the qualified electors of the fifty-second judicial district shall elect, in the same manner prescribed by law for the election of the President Judge of the court of common pleas of the district, a competent person learned in the law to serve as additional law judge of the court of common pleas of the fifty-second judicial district from the first Monday in January, 1970, for a term of ten years. Vacancies in the office hereby created whether caused by death, resignation, expiration of term or otherwise shall be filled in the same manner as is required by law in case of a similar vacancy in the office of President Judge of the court.

Section 3. The Governor may appoint a competent person, learned in the law, as additional law judge of the court of common pleas of the fifty-second judicial district to serve until the first Monday of January, 1970.

Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 1968.

APPROVED—The 6th day of December, A. D. 1967.

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No. 320

AN ACT

HB 137

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," making mandatory a lunch period free of supervisory duties for all professional employes and temporary professional employes.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1504, act of March 10, 1949