

No. 1984-225

AN ACT

SB 910

Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for payment by the Commonwealth of the costs and expenses incurred in trials resulting from issuance of presentments by multicounty investigating grand juries.

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

Section 1. Section 4553 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 4553. Expenses of investigating grand juries *and trials resulting therefrom*.

(a) County.—The expenses of a county investigating grand jury shall be borne by the county in which it is impaneled.

(b) Multicounty.—The expenses of any multicounty investigating grand jury shall be borne by the Commonwealth. *In addition, the costs and expenses resulting from any trial of a person against whom a presentment has been issued by a multicounty investigating grand jury shall be borne by the Commonwealth. Costs and expenses under this subsection include, but are not limited to, the costs incurred by the county for the services of the courts, the trial jury, the sheriff, the clerk of courts, the county prison, the district attorney and any public defender appointed by the court, and related costs and expenses incurred by the county in the course of the trial. Counties shall be reimbursed from the General Fund of the Commonwealth upon application to the State Treasurer pursuant to procedures prescribed by that office.*

Section 2. The sum of \$100,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year July 1, 1984, to June 30, 1985, for the costs of trials resulting from presentments which are issued by multicounty investigating grand juries.

Section 3. This act shall be retroactive to March 29, 1983.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of December, A. D. 1984, except as to the following:

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I withhold my approval from this entire item. A similar amount for the same purpose is contained in House Bill 353, Printer's Number 3748, which I have approved.

DICK THORNBURGH