

Wayne Probate Opening

Term Ending January 1, 1971
Salary: \$25,000

PHILIP A. GILLIS, 43, 1238 Kensington, Grosse Pointe Park. Attorney, Detroit Public Elementary Schools; University of Detroit High School; Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala. (1-1/2 yrs); Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. (1-1/2 yrs); University of Detroit Law School LLB 1949. Law instructor at the University of Detroit 1955-60. Labor arbitrator on the State Labor Mediation Board for approximately seven years.

"The laws under which the probate courts operate are archaic in many respects. The result is unnecessary expense in probating estates. For example, appraisers and referees on claims are for the most part unnecessary and should be abolished or their appointment made discretionary. In the field of mental health, we definitely need more facilities.

"While enactment of legislation is not the function of the courts, the judges who are, after all, most familiar with the law's inadequacies, would be excellent lobbyists to persuade the legislature to corrective action. I am familiar with the legislative process and have taken an active interest in politics for many years. I believe that I could persuade my friends on both sides of the aisle in Lansing to modernize the probate code, particularly if I were able to speak with the authority and prestige of a judge. The challenge is irresistible."

(1) JOSEPH J. PERNEK, 44, 15597 Shilohbury, Detroit.

Judge of Common Pleas Court. Highland Park High School; Michigan State University B.A.; University of Wisconsin, J.D. Wayne County Public Administrator for the Probate Court for four years. Presently on the State Bar Select Committee on Mental Health, 5 1/2 years judicial experience.

"With approximately 12 years of general practice, including four years as Wayne County Public Administrator, whose exclusive duty is handling estates, both deceased and mentally incompetent, and have served 5-1/2 years as Judge of Common Pleas Court, this has given me insight to litigation from both sides of the bench.

Being the son of deaf parents, I have devoted a great deal of time to many projects involving the physically handicapped and the mentally ill. I feel this experience has given me a greater sensitivity to an important area of the Probate Court."

Truman Escapes

Election eve in 1948 was a quiet one for Democratic candidate Harry Truman. He spent it with fellow Shriners in Kansas City. "People ask me," he said, "how I could find the strength to campaign so hard and for so long. That's easy--I'm out of jail when I'm out campaigning."

NEED WE SAY MORE?

STEMPIEN'S RECORD (73rd Legislature)

1. Reduced size of Wayne County Board of Supervisors from 133 to 26, and requires that they be elected by the people, thus eliminating the last of the much-abused political appointee system. (Named the STEMPIEN-MONKS Act) (H.B. 2774)
2. Established Retail Installment Credit Act that 1) Requires full disclosure of terms 2) Sets maximum interest rates and carrying charges, and 3) Makes seller responsible for certain products for 15 days after sale. (Named the STEMPIEN-BLEDON Act) (H.B. 2105)
3. Made it a misdemeanor for a dealer to sell a motor vehicle to a minor without the consent of the parent or guardian. (H.B. 2468)
4. Made it a crime to throw or drop objects into the path of a motor vehicle on the highway. (H.B. 2562)
5. Established uninsured motorists fund which protects citizens from financial loss caused by uninsured motorists. (H.B. 3021)
6. Regulated use of motorcycles: 1) Requires crash helmets 2) Prohibits passing between lanes of cars and riding more than two abreast 3) Requires rental dealers to give operating instructions. (H.B. 3152)
7. Made additional interest-free scholarship loans available to local college students by use of accumulated bank interest on existing funds. (H.B. 2818)
8. Defined and prohibited conflicts of interest of State Officials, and requires financial disclosure by those who employ State Officials in other capacities. (H.B. 2961)
9. Provides that a city bond issue is passed by a single majority in favor, instead of 60% of those voting. (H.B. 2367)
10. Applies the "one-man, one-vote" election principle to legislative bodies of cities. (H.B. 3961)
11. Provides that a village bond issue is passed by a single majority as in H.B. 2367. (H.B. 3692)
12. Outlaws deceptive and fraudulent advertising practices. (H.B. 2812)
13. Created a Fire Safety Board appointed by the Governor to establish rules for schools and nursing homes. (H.B. 2155)
14. Prohibits private policemen from carrying a loaded pistol while not on duty. (H.B. 3964)
15. Adopts the Interstate Compact on Mental Health to provide for interstate transfer of patients, and to allow Michigan residents to be treated in mental health facilities in other states. (H.B. 2280)
16. Allowed citizens to vote to close hunting in Northville Township. (H.B. 2282)
17. Amended mental health statutes to conform to Stengren's H.B. 2280. (H.B. 2281)
18. Provided land easement to provide needed water main for Northville State Hospital. (H.B. 2137)
19. Requires all insurance companies to include uninsured motorists coverage in all policies, unless insured individual rejects the coverage. (H.B. 2547)
20. Extended automobile accident reporting time from 50 to 90 days. (H.B. 3157)
21. Allows State Supreme Court to appoint Municipal Judge to serve as visiting judges on Wayne County-wide Common Pleas Court to relieve overloaded dockets. (H.B. 3966)
22. Authorized Common Pleas Court to temporarily judge sitting under H.B. 3033. (H.B. 3034)
23. Streamlines the functions of the Secretary of State in administration of all aspects of the Financial Responsibility Act. (H.B. 3966)
24. Eliminated use of the natural parent's or mother's name on final adoption papers to protect both the child and the adoptive parents from easy access in the future by the natural parents. (H.B. 3056)
25. Places adopted children on equal footing with natural children regarding inheritance and trusts. (H.B. 3156)
26. Requires the Friend of the Court to review support orders and determine if they are adequate in view of changing economic conditions and financial status of the father. (H.B. 3265)
27. Eliminates loopholes in child custody and adoption laws by limiting appeals to a reasonable time. (H.B. 3649)
28. Allows a successor trustee or guardian of property of minors held in trust to be named by the parent, or the child himself, if over age 14. (H.B. 3971)

SCHMIDT'S RECORD (74th Legislature)

1. Changed membership of Higher Education Facilities Commission. (H.B. 2897)
2. Authorized Governor to administer a highway safety program under Federal Act. (H.B. 2239)
3. Established certain covenants by the landlord in all residential leases. (H.B. 3395)
4. Conveyed right-of-way over State land to Wayne County Road Commission. (H.B. 3740)
5. Permits local school districts in Wayne County to city a county agency to provide special education programs rather than provide its own facilities. (H.B. 3310) - This bill became law without Governor Romney's approval.
6. Amended the Act which regulates use, distribution, transportation and storage of toxic materials. (H.B. 2766)

The above facts include every bill authored by each candidate which became law (taken from the actual journal entries and other records of the Michigan House of Representatives.)

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