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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 21, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time,  
3 further providing for twenty year limitation.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5529(b)(2) of Title 42 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5529. Twenty year limitation.

9 \* \* \*

10 (b) Instruments under seal.--

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12 [(2) This subsection shall expire June 27, 2018.]

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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