

## Biography of Francis J. Kooser

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KOOSER, Francis J.: Jurist; born in Somerset, Pa., June 15, 1846. He was educated in the public schools, the Millersville State Normal School, and the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, and taught as principal of the Somerset schools and for several terms in the Normal School of Somerset County. After serving as clerk under his father; then county treasurer, he read law in the office of Hon. W. H. Koonitz and was admitted to the bar in 1867, being elected district attorney in the next year. In 1875 he was elected prothonotary and clerk of the court, the business panic of that period rendering his term of office a very busy one. As a lawyer he was very able and had to do with many important cases. On three occasions he received the Republican nomination for Congress, and in 1890 he was nominated for president judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the Sixteenth Judicial District. He was again nominated in 1901 and was this time elected for the term expiring in January, 1912. Somerset County had been just before made a separate judicial district. Address: Somerset, Pa.

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