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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," further providing for the
21 composition of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission and their
22 terms and increasing their compensation.

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

25 Section 1. Section 469 and clause (6) of section 923, act of
26 April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative
27 Code of 1929," added July 31, 1968 (P.L.754, No.235), are

1 amended to read:

2 Section 469. Pennsylvania Crime Commission.--(a) The
3 Pennsylvania Crime Commission shall consist of [four] five
4 commissioners [to be appointed by the Governor and the Attorney
5 General as chairman.] one to be appointed by the Speaker of the
6 House of Representatives, one to be appointed by the President
7 Pro Tempore of the Senate, one to be appointed by the Governor,
8 one to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,
9 and one to be appointed by the President Judge of the Superior
10 Court, none of whom shall be an elected or appointed official or
11 an employe of the Commonwealth or any of its political
12 subdivisions. The commission shall elect a chairman who shall
13 serve at the pleasure of the commission.

14 (b) [The Governor shall appoint all of the commissioners,
15 within thirty days of the effective date of this act. Two of the
16 commissioners shall be appointed to fill terms which will expire
17 on July 1 of the next even numbered year. Two of the
18 commissioners shall be appointed to fill terms which will expire
19 on July 1 of the next odd numbered year. The Governor shall then
20 appoint commissioners to fill the expired terms with two year
21 appointments.] Appointments to fill vacancies existing on the
22 effective date of this amendatory act or vacancies created by
23 this amendatory act shall be filled within thirty days by the
24 appointing authorities in the order enumerated in subsection (a)
25 of this section to terms which shall expire on July 1, 1978.
26 Appointments to fill expired terms shall be made in the same
27 sequence for four-year terms. Vacancies in unexpired terms shall
28 be made by the appropriate appointing authority for the
29 remainder of the unexpired term. Each commissioner may be
30 appointed for more than one term. Commissioners shall receive

1 [fifty dollars (\$50)] one hundred dollars (\$100) a day
2 compensation for their services.

3 (c) The [chairman] commission shall appoint and fix the
4 compensation of an executive director. The executive director
5 shall devote his full time to the general supervision of all
6 investigations and proceedings by the commission.

7 (d) The [chairman] commission may appoint such other
8 employes as [he] it may from time to time find necessary for the
9 proper performance of the functions of the commission. The
10 salaries of the other employes shall be fixed by the [chairman.]
11 commission.

12 (e) The expenses incurred by the commissioners, executive
13 director or other employes of the commission shall be allowed
14 and paid on the presentation of itemized vouchers therefor, and
15 approved by the commission, in the same manner and procedure as
16 Department of Justice employes.

17 Section 923. Pennsylvania Crime Commission.--The
18 Pennsylvania Crime Commission shall have power and its duty
19 shall be:

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21 (6) To make a detailed written report to the General
22 Assembly and the Attorney General of every completed
23 investigation which may include recommendation for legislative
24 or administrative action.

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26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1975 and the
27 term of any commissioner who is in conflict with the provisions
28 of this act shall expire on that date.