

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 304

Session of
1985

INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA, FEBRUARY 13, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 13, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 16, 1921 (P.L.579, No.262), entitled, as
2 reenacted and amended, "An act providing for the better
3 management of the jails or county prisons in the several
4 counties of this Commonwealth of the third, fourth, fifth
5 classes and in certain counties of the sixth, seventh and
6 eighth classes by creating, in such counties, a board to be
7 known by the name and style of inspectors of the jail or
8 county prison, with authority to appoint a warden of such
9 prison, and by vesting in said board, and the officers
10 appointed by it, the safe-keeping, discipline, and employment
11 of prisoners and the government and management of said jails
12 or county prisons," deleting the judge of the court of common
13 pleas, the district attorney and the sheriff from the board
14 of inspectors of the jail or county prison.

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

17 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of May 16, 1921 (P.L.579,
18 No.262), entitled, as reenacted and amended, "An act providing
19 for the better management of the jails or county prisons in the
20 several counties of this Commonwealth of the third, fourth,
21 fifth classes and in certain counties of the sixth, seventh and
22 eighth classes by creating, in such counties, a board to be
23 known by the name and style of inspectors of the jail or county

1 prison, with authority to appoint a warden of such prison, and
2 by vesting in said board, and the officers appointed by it, the
3 safe-keeping, discipline, and employment of prisoners and the
4 government and management of said jails or county prisons,"
5 reenacted and amended October 26, 1972 (P.L.1053, No.265) and
6 amended April 28, 1978 (P.L.74, No.35), is amended to read:

7 Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the persons now holding
8 the following offices, and their successors, in all counties of
9 this Commonwealth of the third, fourth, and fifth classes, shall
10 compose a board, to be known by the name and style of inspectors
11 of the jail or county prisons, to wit: [The president judge of
12 the court of common pleas or a judge designated by him, the
13 district attorney, the sheriff, the] The controller, and the
14 commissioners of each of said counties; in which board, and the
15 officers appointed by it, the safe-keeping, discipline, and
16 employment of prisoners, and the government and management of
17 said institution, shall be exclusively vested; and that the
18 present responsibility of the sheriff of each of said counties
19 in regard to the safe-keeping of the prisoners shall cease and
20 determine on their committal to said prison, and such sheriff
21 shall no longer be furnished a residence in said institution.

22 Any county of the sixth, seventh or eighth class may elect by
23 resolution of the county commissioners to be governed by the
24 provisions of this act.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.