

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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THOMAS, HUGHES, JAROLIN, RITTER, GRUITZA, EVANS, STEIGHNER,  
KUKOVICH AND FLICK, MAY 6, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 6, 1991

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," requiring gender balance  
21 for State board and commission appointments.

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

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
25 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a

1 section to read:

2 Section 224. Gender Balance on State Boards and Commissions  
3 Declaration of Policy.--The General Assembly finds and declares  
4 as follows: The appointive State boards and commissions have an  
5 important role in the public policymaking of this Commonwealth  
6 and should reflect the diversity of Pennsylvania's population in  
7 order to take advantage of the valuable knowledge, experience  
8 and expertise of its citizenry. Although the most qualified  
9 individuals should be sought and appointed to serve, the General  
10 Assembly finds that gender balance is also an appropriate and  
11 desirable factor to consider in achieving truly representative  
12 membership.

13 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, appointments to  
14 State boards and commissions shall be made in such a manner that  
15 the cumulative number of members serving represent, to the  
16 extent possible, equal numbers of women and men by the year  
17 1996.

18 (b) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an individual  
19 from completing a term being served at the time this act becomes  
20 effective.

21 (c) The Pennsylvania Commission for Women shall be  
22 responsible for developing a Statewide roster of qualified women  
23 for appointment to State boards and commissions, maintaining  
24 complete and accurate records on the composition of all boards  
25 and commissions and appointments made thereto, and submitting an  
26 annual report by January 31 of each year to the General Assembly  
27 concerning compliance with this act.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.