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REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, JUNE 11, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for organization of commission.

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

5 Section 1. Section 301 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 301. Organization of commission.

8 (a) Composition.--The independent administrative commission  
9 known as the Pennsylvania Game Commission shall consist of  
10 [eight] 12 competent citizens of this Commonwealth who shall be  
11 well informed on the subject of wildlife conservation and  
12 restoration and who shall be appointed as follows:

13 (1) Eight members by the Governor, by and with the  
14 advice and consent of [two-thirds] a majority of the elected  
15 members of the Senate.

16 (2) One member by the President pro tempore of the  
17 Senate who is not an elected official.

18 (3) One member by the Minority Leader of the Senate who

1 is not an elected official.

2 (4) One member by the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives who is not an elected official.

4 (5) One member by the Minority Leader of the House of  
5 Representatives who is not an elected official.

6 (b) Qualifications.--The members of the commission appointed  
7 by the Governor shall be appointed from the various geographical  
8 sections of this Commonwealth so that one and only one shall be  
9 a resident of each of the following districts:

10 (1) The counties of Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence,  
11 Venango, Butler, Warren, Forest and Clarion, constituting the  
12 first district.

13 (2) The counties of Beaver, Allegheny, Washington,  
14 Greene, Armstrong, Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette,  
15 constituting the second district.

16 (3) The counties of McKean, Elk, Jefferson, Potter,  
17 Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton and Centre, constituting the  
18 third district.

19 (4) The counties of Cambria, Somerset, Blair, Bedford,  
20 Huntingdon and Fulton, constituting the fourth district.

21 (5) The counties of Tioga, Lycoming, Union, Bradford,  
22 Sullivan, Columbia, Montour and Northumberland, constituting  
23 the fifth district.

24 (6) The counties of Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata, Franklin,  
25 Perry, Cumberland, Adams, Dauphin, York, Lebanon and  
26 Lancaster, constituting the sixth district.

27 (7) The counties of Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne,  
28 Lackawanna, Carbon, Wayne, Pike and Monroe, constituting the  
29 seventh district.

30 (8) The counties of Schuylkill, Berks, Chester,

1 Northampton, Lehigh, Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia and  
2 Delaware, constituting the eighth district.

3 (c) Term of office and compensation.--The members of the  
4 commission appointed by the Governor shall hold office for terms  
5 of eight years each and may continue to hold office for a period  
6 of time not to exceed six months or until a successor is  
7 appointed and qualified, whichever occurs first. A member of the  
8 commission appointed to fill a vacancy for a period of four  
9 years or less may be eligible for appointment to a full eight-  
10 year term. A member of the commission who serves a full eight-  
11 year term or fills a vacancy for a period of more than four  
12 years shall not be eligible for reappointment to the commission  
13 until a period of eight years expires. All other commissioners  
14 shall serve terms of office coterminous with that of each  
15 commissioner's appointing authority. Commissioners shall receive  
16 no compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for  
17 travel expenses.

18 (d) Vacancies.--Upon the death, resignation or removal from  
19 office of any person so appointed, the [Governor] respective  
20 appointing authority shall appoint a competent person to serve  
21 for the unexpired term as provided in subsection (a).

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.