

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 577 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY MOUL, PICKETT, JAMES, COHEN, KORTZ, GABLER,
DRISCOLL AND MURT, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
FEBRUARY 23, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 29, 1945 (P.L.1134, No.405), entitled
2 "An act to create a commission to act jointly with
3 commissions appointed for like purpose by the States of West
4 Virginia and Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the
5 District of Columbia, which, together with three members to
6 be appointed by the President of the United States, shall
7 constitute the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River
8 Basin, with power to cooperate in the abatement of the
9 existing pollution, and in the control of future pollution of
10 the waters of the drainage basin of the Potomac River within
11 the States of Maryland and West Virginia, the Commonwealth of
12 Virginia and the District of Columbia; to authorize the
13 Governor of the State to execute on behalf of this State a
14 compact with representatives of other states for the purpose
15 of forming the above-mentioned commission; and creating a
16 Potomac Valley Conservancy District; providing for the
17 appointment of the Pennsylvania members of said commission
18 for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and their terms of
19 office; and providing an appropriation," further providing
20 for membership of commission and for appointments.

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

23 Section 1. Sections 1 first paragraph and 1.1 of the act of
24 May 29, 1945 (P.L.1134, No.405), entitled "An act to create a
25 commission to act jointly with commissions appointed for like
26 purpose by the States of West Virginia and Maryland, the

1 Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia, which,
2 together with three members to be appointed by the President of
3 the United States, shall constitute the Interstate Commission on
4 the Potomac River Basin, with power to cooperate in the
5 abatement of the existing pollution, and in the control of
6 future pollution of the waters of the drainage basin of the
7 Potomac River within the States of Maryland and West Virginia,
8 the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia; to
9 authorize the Governor of the State to execute on behalf of this
10 State a compact with representatives of other states for the
11 purpose of forming the above-mentioned commission; and creating
12 a Potomac Valley Conservancy District; providing for the
13 appointment of the Pennsylvania members of said commission for
14 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and their terms of office; and
15 providing an appropriation," amended May 27, 1994 (P.L.255,
16 No.40), are amended to read:

17 Section 1. There is hereby created a commission consisting
18 of three members, to act jointly with commissions appointed for
19 like purposes by the States of West Virginia and Maryland, the
20 Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia, and an
21 additional three members to be appointed by the President of the
22 United States and which, together with the other commissions
23 appointed as hereinbefore mentioned, shall constitute and be
24 known as the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.
25 The said commission for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall
26 consist of three members. The Governor shall appoint two
27 members, one of whom shall be a member of the public
28 knowledgeable in matters involving water pollution and the other
29 shall be a member of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
30 Pennsylvania or his designee. The third member shall be the

1 Secretary of Environmental [Resources] Protection or his
2 designee. The appointed members shall serve for terms of two
3 years or until their successors are appointed. The Secretary of
4 Environmental [Resources] Protection or his designee shall serve
5 for the same period as his tenure as Secretary of Environmental
6 [Resources] Protection. They shall serve without compensation,
7 but shall be paid their actual expenses incurred in and incident
8 to the performance of their duties as hereinafter set forth. The
9 Commonwealth shall contribute to the Interstate Commission on
10 the Potomac River Basin its pro rata share of the expenses of
11 said commission which shall be such sums as may be appropriated
12 for the purpose, but not less than the sum of one thousand two
13 hundred dollars (\$1,200) per year for the biennium beginning
14 June first, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

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16 Section 1.1. The Governor of the Commonwealth of
17 Pennsylvania shall appoint an alternate member for each of the
18 two appointed members of the commission for the Commonwealth of
19 Pennsylvania created by section 1 of the act of May 29, 1945
20 (P.L.1134). Each such alternate shall be appointed from among
21 the members of the General Assembly, or a designee, or the
22 public, as the case may be. The Secretary of Environmental
23 [Resources] Protection shall also appoint an alternate. Each
24 such alternate shall have the power to act in the absence of the
25 person for whom he is an alternate. The term of each alternate
26 shall run concurrently with the term of the member for whom he
27 is an alternate.

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