Providing for the redesignation of Indiana State College at Indiana, Pennsylvania as the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and for the continuation of all existing powers and responsibilities of the board of trustees and institution, and authorizing all other State colleges, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to elect to become universities operated under the provisions of this act.

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

Section 1. Short Title. -- This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Indiana University of Pennsylvania Act."

Section 2. Redesignation of Indiana State College.--The name of Indiana State College, located and established at Indiana, Pennsylvania, is hereby changed to the "Indiana University of Pennsylvania."

Section 3. Redesignation of the Board of Trustees.--The Board of Trustees of Indiana State College is hereby redesignated as the "Indiana University of Pennsylvania Board of Trustees."

Section 4. Board of Trustees, Organization. -- The board of trustees shall organize at such times each year as it shall determine and, subject to the approval of the Governor, elect a president. The board shall also elect a treasurer, a business manager, a secretary and such officers as it shall determine. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Vacancies on the board shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired terms. The board shall meet twice annually on dates to be fixed by it and shall provide the State Board of Education with a copy of the minutes of its meetings.

Section 5. Powers and Duties of Board of Trustees.--(a) The affairs of the university established under this act shall be administered by the president and shall be supervised by the board. Subject to any law and to any policies, standards, rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education provided for State universities, the board shall, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the university, have the power and its duty shall be to:

- (1) Formulate plans for the growth and development of the university.
- (2) Approve recommendations of the president pertaining to (i) budgets and expenditures, (ii) tuition charges and waivers thereof, and student fees, (iii) schools and curricular programs

and (iv) the appointment, rank, salaries, tenure of instructional staff and noninstructional staff and administrative personnel.

- (3) Make policies providing for the admission and expulsion of students, courses of instruction and for all other matters related to the government and administration of the university.
- (4) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

Section 6. Officers of the University.--(a) The president shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the university and shall perform all duties which the board of trustees may prescribe. He shall have the right to attend all meetings of the board and to be heard on all matters before it, but shall have no right to vote on any matter.

(b) The treasurer of the university shall give a proper bond in such amount and with such corporate surety as is approved by the board of trustees, which shall be filed with the board. The account of the treasurer shall be audited, annually, by a certified public accountant or other qualified public accountant selected by the board of trustees.

Section 7. Degrees.—The institution may grant the degrees of bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, and bachelor of fine arts for successful completion of prescribed undergraduate courses of study, and may grant the degrees of master of education, master of arts, master of science, doctor of education, and doctor of philosophy for successful completion of prescribed graduate courses of study. In addition, the institution may grant other degrees when recommended by the board of trustees and approved by the State Board of Education.

Section 8. Continuation of Powers and Obligations.--All powers, rights, privileges, duties, and obligations, statutory, contractual, or of whatever kind, of the board and the institution shall remain in full force and unchanged, notwithstanding the change of the name of the board and the institution, but henceforth under the new names established by this act.

Section 9. All other State colleges may, with the approval of the State Board of Education, elect to become universities and be operated under the provisions of this act. The board of trustees of any such State college may submit a plan to the State Board of Education, which shall include the proposed name of the State college, the degrees which it proposes to confer, the courses to be offered, the schools to be established and such other information as the State Board of Education may require. Whenever the State Board of Education is satisfied that any such plan is in the best interests of higher education, and that the State college is adequately equipped and capable of implementing the plan it shall approve the plan and the State colleges shall thereafter be operated under the provisions of this act in so far as they are applicable.

Section 10. This act shall take effect immediately upon accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.