

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1445 Session of
1979

INTRODUCED BY GANNON, ALDEN, FREIND, BROWN, PITTS, KNEPPER,
VROON, PRATT, REED, BRANDT AND ARTY, JUNE 5, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 5, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the
3 jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to decide the applicability
4 of provisions regarding the adoption of rules.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1703 of Title 42, act of November 25,
8 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 § 1703. Meeting procedures.

11 (a) Agency.--The Supreme Court and all other agencies and
12 units of the unified judicial system when exercising the powers
13 to recommend or adopt general rules or other orders in the
14 nature of regulations shall be an agency within the meaning of
15 the act of July 19, 1974 (P.L.486, No.175), referred to as the
16 Public Agency Open Meeting Law.

17 (b) Jurisdiction.--The Supreme Court and all other courts of
18 the unified judicial system shall not have jurisdiction to
19 decide the validity or application of this section to the

1 judicial branch of government, either under the Constitution of
2 Pennsylvania, or otherwise.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall
4 be retroactive to June 27, 1978.