

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1797 Session of
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 27, 2005

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," providing for the Board of
21 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; and making a related
22 repeal.

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

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
26 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a
27 section to read:

1 Section 480. Board of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.--

2 (a) The Board of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws is
3 reestablished within the Office of General Counsel.

4 (b) The board shall be composed of the following
5 commissioners learned in the law:

6 (1) The Governor shall appoint four commissioners.

7 (2) The President pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint
8 two commissioners.

9 (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
10 appoint two commissioners.

11 (4) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint two
12 commissioners.

13 (5) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
14 shall appoint two commissioners.

15 (6) The Attorney General shall serve as an ex officio
16 commissioner.

17 (7) The General Counsel shall serve as an ex officio
18 commissioner.

19 (c) A commissioner appointed under subsection (b) shall
20 serve a term as follows:

21 (1) A commissioner appointed under subsection (b)(1) shall
22 serve a term of four years, calculated from the date of
23 appointment.

24 (2) A commissioner appointed under subsection (b)(2), (3),
25 (4) or (5) shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
26 authority.

27 (d) The General Counsel shall serve as chairman of the
28 board. Eight commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

29 (e) The board has the following powers and duties:

30 (1) To examine subjects it deems necessary.

1 (2) To ascertain the best means to effect an assimilation
2 and uniformity of state legislation throughout the United States
3 on the subjects examined under paragraph (1).

4 (3) To meet with the National Conference of Commissioners on
5 Uniform State Laws, at annual and other sessions, to do all of
6 the following:

7 (i) Promote uniformity of state legislation in the United
8 States.

9 (ii) Join the conference in measures deemed most expedient
10 to advance the objective of paragraphs (1) and (2).

11 Section 2. Members of the Board of Commissioners on Uniform
12 State Laws on the effective date of this section shall continue
13 as commissioners for the balance of their terms.

14 Section 3. The provisions of 1 Pa.C.S. Ch. 31 are repealed.

15 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.