

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1811

Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. LEDERER, HAMMOCK, IRVIS, FISHER, BERSON,  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 27, 1976

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 16, 1921 (P.L.579, No.262), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act providing for the better management of the  
3 jails or county prisons in the several counties of this  
4 Commonwealth of the third, fourth, fifth classes and in  
5 certain counties of the sixth class by creating, in such  
6 counties, a board to be known by the name and style of the  
7 inspectors of the jail or county prison, with authority to  
8 appoint a warden of such prison, and by vesting in said  
9 board, and the officers appointed by it, the safe-keeping,  
10 discipline, and employment of prisoners and the government  
11 and management of said jails or county prisons," requiring  
12 certain board meetings to be held at the prison.

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

15 Section 1. Section 2, act of May 16, 1921 (P.L.579, No.262),  
16 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the better  
17 management of the jails or county prisons in the several  
18 counties of this Commonwealth of the third, fourth, fifth  
19 classes and in certain counties of the sixth class by creating,  
20 in such counties, a board to be known by the name and style of  
21 inspectors of the jail or county prison, with authority to  
22 appoint a warden of such prison, and by vesting in said board,

1 and the officers appointed by it, the safe-keeping, discipline,  
2 and employment of prisoners and the government and management of  
3 said jails or county prisons," reenacted October 26, 1972  
4 (P.L.1053, No.265), is amended to read:

5 Section 2. That, within thirty days after this act shall  
6 become effective in any county, the above-named board shall meet  
7 and organize by the election of a president and secretary. A  
8 majority of the members of said board shall constitute a quorum  
9 for the transaction of business, and all actions of said board  
10 must be by the approval of a majority of all the members of said  
11 board. The board shall meet monthly, or oftener if required, and  
12 keep regular minutes of their proceedings in a book, to be filed  
13 with the financial records of each of said counties, and shall  
14 make such rules and regulations for the government and  
15 management of the prison, and the safe-keeping, discipline, and  
16 employment of the prisoners, as may be deemed necessary. Such  
17 meetings shall be held at the prison no less than quarterly.  
18 ~~Failure to hold such a meeting in any quarter shall invalidate~~ <—  
19 ~~all board actions subsequent to the end of the quarter except~~  
20 ~~actions taken at or after a meeting held at the prison.~~ The  
21 board shall appoint a warden of the prison, who shall reside in  
22 the building. The warden, subject to the approval of the board,  
23 may appoint such deputy or deputies, assistant or assistants,  
24 keeper or keepers, as may be required in the taking care of the  
25 prison. The number and compensation of such deputies,  
26 assistants, or keepers shall be fixed by the salary board.