
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. LEDERER, HAMMOCK, IRVIS, FISHER, BERSON,
OLIVER, RICHARDSON, TAYOUN, BLACKWELL, MYERS, RHODES,
SCIRICA, WAGNER, CUMBERLAND AND W. D. HUTCHINSON,
OCTOBER 1, 1975

SENATOR KELLEY, LAW AND JUSTICE, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
JUNE 21, 1976

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
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

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

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