

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2568 Session of
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 24, 1976

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 7, 1923 (P.L.158, No.119), entitled "An
2 act creating a Legislative Reference Bureau; providing for
3 the election of a director by the General Assembly;
4 designating the officers and employes of such bureau,
5 defining their duties; fixing their salaries; abolishing the
6 present Legislative Reference Bureau; and making an
7 appropriation," establishing the Office of Revisor of
8 Statutes and further providing for its powers and duties and
9 making an appropriation.

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

12 Section 1. The act of May 7, 1923 (P.L.158, No.119),
13 entitled "An act creating a Legislative Reference Bureau;
14 providing for the election of a director by the General
15 Assembly; designating the officers and employes of such bureau,
16 defining their duties; fixing their salaries; abolishing the
17 present Legislative Reference Bureau; and making an
18 appropriation," is amended by adding sections to read:

19 Section 10.1. Revisor of Statutes.--There shall be within
20 the Legislative Reference Bureau an Office of Revisor of
21 Statutes. This office shall consist of a revisor and such
22 technical, clerical, and stenographic personnel as necessary to

1 expeditiously and efficiently discharge the duties imposed by
2 this act.

3 Section 10.2. Appointment of Personnel; Qualifications;
4 Salary.--In connection with the operations of the Revisor of
5 Statutes, the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau shall
6 select as Revisor of Statutes a duly qualified person. The
7 revisor shall have direct supervision and control of the office.
8 The revisor, with the approval of the Director of the
9 Legislative Reference Bureau, may select such assistant revisors
10 as may be required for the proper discharge of the functions of
11 the office. The revisor, with similar approval, shall also
12 select other technical, clerical and stenographic assistants as
13 may be necessary.

14 The revisor's salary shall be set by the Director of the
15 Legislative Reference Bureau at not less than twenty thousand
16 dollars a year. The salary of the assistant revisors shall be
17 set by the revisor with the approval of the Director of the
18 Legislative Reference Bureau.

19 Section 10.3. Powers and Duties.--The Revisor of Statutes
20 shall have the power and duty to:

21 (1) Select such statutory law as are considered most in need
22 of revision and present to the General Assembly bills covering
23 such revisions.

24 (2) Recommend the revision, simplification and rearrangement
25 of existing statutory law.

26 (3) Eliminate from such law all obsolete, superseded,
27 duplicated and unconstitutional statutes or parts of statutes,
28 but make no changes in the substance of existing statutes.

29 (4) Furnish the General Assembly explanatory statements of
30 changes in existing statutes or parts of statutes which such

1 revisions, if enacted, would accomplish.

2 (5) Conduct a mandatory review of existing statutes every
3 ten years.

4 (6) Conduct a mandatory review of all laws relating to the
5 boards, departments, agencies, commissions and bureaus of the
6 Executive Branch of the government every five years.

7 (7) Perform such other actions as are necessary to carrying
8 out the provisions of this section.

9 Section 10.4. Appropriation.--The sum of one hundred twenty-
10 five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
11 is specifically appropriated to the Legislative Reference Bureau
12 for the fiscal year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977 to establish
13 and staff the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.