

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL**No. 1135** Session of
1981

INTRODUCED BY FISHER, O'PAKE AND O'CONNELL, OCTOBER 8, 1981

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, FEBRUARY 3, 1982

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the commission
3 to fix the compensation for administrative law judges.

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

6 Section 1. Section 304(a) of Title 66, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 304. Administrative law judges.

10 (a) General rule.--The office of administrative law judge to
11 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is hereby created.
12 The commission shall have the power to appoint as many qualified
13 and competent administrative law judges as may be necessary for
14 proceedings pursuant to this part, and who shall devote full
15 time to their official duties and who shall perform no duties
16 inconsistent with their duties and responsibilities as
17 administrative law judges. Administrative law judges shall be
18 afforded employment security as provided by the act of August 5,

1 1941 (P.L.752, No.286), known as the "Civil Service Act."
2 Compensation for administrative law judges shall be established
3 by the commission †within a range of \$25,000 to ~~[\$35,000]~~ <—
4 \$42,500. If the commission is occasionally and temporarily
5 understaffed of administrative law judges, the commission may
6 appoint qualified and competent persons who meet the minimum
7 standards established by this part to temporarily serve as such
8 judges, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission and
9 shall receive such compensation as the commission may establish.
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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ <—
12 IMMEDIATELY. <—