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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1135 Session of  
1981

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

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
June 8, 1982

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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 AND  
4 PROVIDING AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE  
5 COMMISSION. <—

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 304(a) of Title 66, act of November 25,  
9 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 § 304. Administrative law judges.

12 (a) General rule.--The office of administrative law judge to  
13 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is hereby created.

14 The commission shall have the power to appoint as many qualified  
15 and competent administrative law judges as may be necessary for  
16 proceedings pursuant to this part, and who shall devote full  
17 time to their official duties and who shall perform no duties  
18 inconsistent with their duties and responsibilities as

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

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13 SECTION 2. TITLE 66 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ: <—

14 § 320. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.

15 THE FOLLOWING SUMS, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY,  
16 ARE HEREBY SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE RESTRICTED REVENUE  
17 ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
18 TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL  
19 PERIOD JULY 1, 1982 TO JUNE 30, 1983, FOR THE PURPOSES AND IN  
20 THE AMOUNTS SHOWN:

21 (1) FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES AND ALL NECESSARY  
22 EXPENSES FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
23 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN  
24 AND COMMISSIONERS, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
25 OPERATIONS, BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, OFFICE  
26 OF SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
27 AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY'S BUREAU..... \$5,759,000

28 (2) FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES AND ALL NECESSARY  
29 EXPENSES FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
30 OFFICES OF COUNSEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE... 4,438,000

1     (3) FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES AND ALL NECESSARY  
2     EXPENSES FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF RATES,  
3     RESEARCH AND TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING THE BUREAU  
4     OF CONSERVATION, ECONOMICS AND ENERGY PLANNING,  
5     BUREAU OF NONRAIL TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF RAIL  
6     TRANSPORTATION AND THE BUREAU OF RATES.....     5,309,000

7     (4) FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES AND ALL NECESSARY  
8     EXPENSES FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF  
9     INVESTIGATIONS, SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT INCLUDING  
10    THE BUREAU OF AUDITS, THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER  
11    SERVICES AND THE BUREAU OF SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE..     5,020,000

12     Section 2.—~~This~~ 3. (A) SECTIONS 1 AND 3 OF     <—  
13     THIS act shall take effect immediately.

14     (B) SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT     <—  
15     JULY 1, 1982 OR IF ENACTED SUBSEQUENT TO THAT  
16     DATE, THEN IMMEDIATELY.