

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, MORRIS, STEIGHNER, SHOWERS, RYBAK,
MICHLOVIC, CAPPABIANCA, COY, FREEMAN, MURPHY AND JAROLIN,
SEPTEMBER 18, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 18, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), entitled
2 "A supplement to the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175),
3 entitled 'An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct
4 of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth
5 by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative
6 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
7 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
8 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
9 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
10 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
11 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
12 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
13 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
14 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
15 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
16 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
17 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
18 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
19 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
20 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
21 commissions shall be determined,' implementing the addition
22 of section 4.1 to Article IV of the Constitution of
23 Pennsylvania; establishing the Office of Attorney General
24 elected by the citizens and setting forth powers and duties
25 of the Attorney General; creating an Office of General
26 Counsel and providing for legal services for Commonwealth
27 agencies; transferring, reorganizing or reconstituting
28 certain boards, commissions and agencies; placing certain
29 duties upon the courts and district attorneys; repealing
30 certain acts and parts of acts and making appropriations,"
31 further providing for the duties of the General Counsel
32 regarding review of proposed rules or regulations.

33 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Section 301(10) of the act of October 15, 1980
3 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, is
4 amended to read:

5 Section 301. General Counsel.

6 There is hereby established the Office of General Counsel
7 which shall be headed by a General Counsel appointed by the
8 Governor to serve at his pleasure who shall be the legal advisor
9 to the Governor and who shall:

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11 (10) Review and approve for form and legality all
12 proposed rules and regulations of executive agencies before
13 they are deposited with the Legislative Reference Bureau as
14 required by section 207 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769,
15 No.240), known as the "Commonwealth Documents Law." The
16 General Counsel shall have 30 days from receipt of a proposed
17 rule or regulation to approve or disapprove the rule or
18 regulation. The approval or disapproval and reasons therefor
19 shall be transmitted to the affected agency within 30 days of
20 initial receipt of the rule or regulation by the General
21 Counsel.

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23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.