

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BORTNER, YANDRISEVITS, MELIO, LAUGHLIN AND
WAMBACH, MAY 23, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, MAY 23, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 29, 1945 (P.L.1134, No.405), entitled
2 "An act to create a commission to act jointly with
3 commissions appointed for like purpose by the States of West
4 Virginia and Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the
5 District of Columbia, which, together with three members to
6 be appointed by the President of the United States, shall
7 constitute the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River
8 Basin, with power to cooperate in the abatement of the
9 existing pollution, and in the control of future pollution of
10 the waters of the drainage basin of the Potomac River within
11 the States of Maryland and West Virginia, the Commonwealth of
12 Virginia and the District of Columbia; to authorize the
13 Governor of the State to execute on behalf of this State a
14 compact with representatives of other states for the purpose
15 of forming the above-mentioned commission; and creating a
16 Potomac Valley Conservancy District; providing for the
17 appointment of the Pennsylvania members of said commission
18 for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and their terms of
19 office; and providing an appropriation," further providing
20 for the members of the commission for the Commonwealth.

21 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

22 hereby enacts as follows:

23 Section 1. The first paragraph of section 1 and section 1.1
24 of the act of May 29, 1945 (P.L.1134, No.405), entitled "An act
25 to create a commission to act jointly with commissions appointed
26 for like purpose by the States of West Virginia and Maryland,

1 the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia,
2 which, together with three members to be appointed by the
3 President of the United States, shall constitute the Interstate
4 Commission on the Potomac River Basin, with power to cooperate
5 in the abatement of the existing pollution, and in the control
6 of future pollution of the waters of the drainage basin of the
7 Potomac River within the States of Maryland and West Virginia,
8 the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia; to
9 authorize the Governor of the State to execute on behalf of this
10 State a compact with representatives of other states for the
11 purpose of forming the above-mentioned commission; and creating
12 a Potomac Valley Conservancy District; providing for the
13 appointment of the Pennsylvania members of said commission for
14 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and their terms of office; and
15 providing an appropriation," amended or added April 28, 1961
16 (P.L.113, No.51), are amended to read:

17 Section 1. There is hereby created a commission consisting
18 of three members, to act jointly with commissions appointed for
19 like purposes by the States of West Virginia and Maryland, the
20 Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia, and an
21 additional three members to be appointed by the President of the
22 United States and which, together with the other commissions
23 appointed as hereinbefore mentioned, shall constitute and be
24 known as the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.
25 The said commission for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall
26 consist of three members [to]. Two members shall be named by the
27 Governor[, one of whom]. One appointed member shall be [from the
28 membership of the Pennsylvania Commission on Interstate
29 Cooperation, and one of whom shall be a representative of the
30 Sanitary Water Board, and one of whom] a member of the public

1 knowledgeable in matters involving water pollution and the other
2 member shall be a member of the General Assembly of the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The third member shall be the
4 Secretary of Environmental Resources or his designee. The
5 appointed members [shall be appointed immediately after this act
6 become effective and] shall serve for terms of two years or
7 until their successors are appointed. The Secretary of
8 Environmental Resources shall serve for a like term. They shall
9 serve without compensation, but shall be paid their actual
10 expenses incurred in and incident to the performance of their
11 duties as hereinafter set forth. The Commonwealth shall
12 contribute to the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River
13 Basin its pro rata share of the expenses of said commission
14 which shall be such sums as may be appropriated for the purpose,
15 but not less than the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars
16 (\$1,200) per year for the biennium beginning June first, one
17 thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

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19 Section 1.1. The Governor of the Commonwealth of
20 Pennsylvania shall appoint an alternate member for each of the
21 [three] two appointed members of the commission for the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania created by section 1 of the act of
23 May 29, 1945 (P.L.1134). Each such alternate shall be appointed
24 from [the same body from which the member was appointed] among
25 the members of the General Assembly or the public, as the case
26 may be. Each such alternate shall have the power to act in the
27 absence of the person for whom he is an alternate. The term of
28 each alternate shall run concurrently with the term of the
29 member for whom he is an alternate.

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