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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

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CAPPABIANCA, AUGUST 2, 1991

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 2, 1991

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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Pennsylvania Commission for Women; and  
2 providing for its powers and duties.

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

5 Section 1. Definitions.

6 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
7 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
8 context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission for Women.

10 "Director." The Director of the Pennsylvania Commission for  
11 Women.

12 Section 2. Commission.

13 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established the  
14 Pennsylvania Commission for Women to be composed of at least 15  
15 members but not more than 21 members.

1 (b) Members.--Members shall be appointed by the Governor and  
2 shall function in an advisory capacity to the director.

3 (c) Chairperson.--The Governor shall designate one member as  
4 chairperson of the commission.

5 (d) Terms.--Members shall serve for staggered terms of one  
6 or two years as the Governor shall designate.

7 (e) Vacancies.--The Governor shall fill any vacancies that  
8 may occur.

9 (f) Reimbursement.--Members shall serve without salary but  
10 shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses  
11 incurred while attending official commission meetings and  
12 performing such other official functions as the director shall  
13 prescribe.

#### 14 Section 3. Director.

15 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established the office  
16 of the Director of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women.

17 (b) Appointment.--The director shall be appointed by the  
18 Governor.

#### 19 Section 4. Powers and duties of commission.

20 The commission shall have the following powers and its duty  
21 shall be to:

22 (1) Assist the director to develop policies and carry  
23 out programs.

24 (2) Upon recommendation of the director, investigate  
25 allegations concerning discriminatory practices against  
26 women.

27 (3) Hold public hearings, with the approval of the  
28 director, during its investigations and deliberations, as it  
29 considers necessary to gather information, inform the public  
30 of its activities and encourage public participation therein.

1 Section 5. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect immediately.