THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 535

Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, V. BROWN, ROZZI, J. HARRIS AND BULLOCK, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the 2 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the 3 Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, 5 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or 6 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative 7 8 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and 9 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, 11 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive 12 13 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of 14 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and 15 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, 16 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the 17 number and compensation of the deputies and all other 18 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and 19 commissions shall be determined," in powers and duties of the 20 Department of Justice and its departmental administrative 21 boards, further providing for board of pardons. 22 23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 24 hereby enacts as follows: 25 Section 1. Section 909 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, 26 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by 27 adding a subsection to read:
- 28 Section 909. Board of Pardons. -- * * *

- 1 (e.1) If there is a six-month or longer backlog of
- 2 applications, the Board of Pardons shall merit review at least
- 3 <u>sixty applications per month for nine months out of the year or</u>
- 4 <u>at a rate of five hundred forty per year.</u>
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- 6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.