
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 703 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY SCARNATI, MAY 31, 2019

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 31, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in publication and effectiveness of
3 Commonwealth documents, further providing for Joint Committee
4 on Documents.

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

7 Section 1. Section 502(c) and (d) of Title 45 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 502. Joint Committee on Documents.

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11 (c) Quorum and organization.--[Four] A majority of the
12 members of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum, and
13 the committee shall select from among its members a chairman and
14 a vice-chairman, and shall elect a secretary who need not be a
15 member of the committee.

16 (d) Powers and duties.--

17 (1) The joint committee shall exercise the powers and
18 perform the duties vested in and imposed upon it by this part
19 and any other powers and duties vested in and imposed upon

1 the joint committee by law.

2 (2) In discharging its function under section 7.1 of the
3 act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the
4 Regulatory Review Act, if the joint committee determines that
5 a document should be promulgated as a regulation and orders
6 the agency to promulgate the document as a regulation by the
7 statutory deadline, the following apply:

8 (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii), the joint
9 committee may extend the promulgation deadline for up to
10 180 days if it determines that the agency is making a
11 good faith effort to promulgate the regulation in
12 accordance with:

13 (A) section 612 of the act of April 9, 1929
14 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code
15 of 1929;

16 (B) Article II of the act of July 31, 1968
17 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the Commonwealth
18 Documents Law;

19 (C) sections 204(b) and 301(10) of the act of
20 October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the
21 Commonwealth Attorneys Act; and

22 (D) sections 5, 5.1, 5.2, 6, 7 and 8 of the
23 Regulatory Review Act.

24 (ii) No more than two extensions may be made.
25 Regardless of extensions, the promulgation deadline may
26 not extend beyond 18 months of the date of the original
27 order.

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