

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 14, 1992 (P.L.818, No.133),  
2 entitled "An act establishing the Port of Pittsburgh  
3 Commission; providing for its powers and duties; and making a  
4 repeal," further providing for commission and governing body.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3(b)(2) of the act of December 14, 1992  
8 (P.L.818, No.133), known as the Port of Pittsburgh Commission  
9 Act, is amended to read:

10 Section 3. Commission and governing body.

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12 (b) Governing body.--

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14 [(2) The governing body shall be composed of 15 members  
15 who shall be appointed in the following manner and who shall  
16 be residents of this Commonwealth and serve at the pleasure  
17 of their respective appointing authority:

18 (i) One member shall be appointed by the President  
19 pro tempore of the Senate for a term concurrent with the

1 term of such appointing authority.

2 (ii) One member shall be appointed by the Minority  
3 Leader of the Senate for a term concurrent with the term  
4 of such appointing authority.

5 (iii) One member shall be appointed by the Speaker  
6 of the House of Representatives for a term concurrent  
7 with the term of such appointing authority.

8 (iv) One member shall be appointed by the Minority  
9 Leader of the House of Representatives for a term  
10 concurrent with the term of such appointing authority.

11 (v) Four members initially appointed by the Governor  
12 for terms of one, two, three and four years,  
13 respectively, provided that their respective successors  
14 shall each be appointed for a term of four years. The  
15 initial term of each member shall be designated by the  
16 Governor at the time of appointment.

17 (vi) Seven members appointed by the Governor for a  
18 term of four years, provided that one member shall be  
19 appointed from each list of at least three nominees  
20 submitted to the Governor respectively by the Waterways  
21 Association of Pittsburgh, the River Terminal Operator's  
22 Association, the Association for the Development of  
23 Inland Navigation in America's Ohio Valley and the county  
24 commissioners jointly of those counties within the port  
25 district which are not members of the Southwestern  
26 Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission; and three  
27 members shall be appointed from a list of at least five  
28 nominees submitted to the Governor by the Southwestern  
29 Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission. Each list  
30 shall be submitted to the Governor within 30 days of the

1 effective date of this act, and the Governor shall select  
2 a member from each list within 30 days of receipt of each  
3 list or else may request one substitute list of nominees  
4 from any entity who prepares a list. If each entity  
5 permitted to submit a list fails to submit a list of  
6 nominees within 30 days of the effective date of this act  
7 or fails to submit a substitute list within 30 days of  
8 receipt of a request to do so, the Governor may appoint  
9 at his discretion such member or members for which a list  
10 of nominees was not submitted. Whenever a vacancy occurs  
11 prior to the completion of the term of office of a member  
12 appointed pursuant to this paragraph, the entity which  
13 prepared the list for the board member whose seat has  
14 become vacant shall submit a list of nominees to replace  
15 that member to the Governor who shall select a person to  
16 fill the vacancy in the manner provided for in this  
17 paragraph for the selection of original appointments.]

18 (2) The governing body shall be composed of 13 members,  
19 who shall be natural persons of full age and residents of the  
20 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who shall be appointed in the  
21 following manner and shall serve at the pleasure of the  
22 respective appointing authority:

23 (i) One member appointed by the President pro  
24 tempore of the Senate for a term concurrent with the term  
25 of the appointing authority.

26 (ii) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of  
27 the Senate for a term concurrent with the term of the  
28 appointing authority.

29 (iii) One member appointed by the Speaker of the  
30 House of Representatives for a term concurrent with the

1 term of the appointing authority.

2 (iv) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of  
3 the House of Representatives for a term concurrent with  
4 the term of the appointing authority.

5 (v) Four members appointed by the Governor for a  
6 term of four years.

7 (vi) Three members appointed by the Governor from a  
8 list of at least five nominees submitted to the Governor  
9 by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning  
10 Commission.

11 (vii) One member nominated by the Port of Pittsburgh  
12 Executive Committee and appointed by the Port of  
13 Pittsburgh Commission Board.

14 (viii) One member appointed by the Governor from a  
15 list of at least three nominees submitted to the Governor  
16 by the board.

17 (ix) If each entity permitted to submit a list of  
18 nominees under this paragraph fails to submit a list of  
19 nominees within 30 days of the effective date of this  
20 paragraph or fails to submit a substitute list within 30  
21 days of receipt of a request to do so, the Governor may  
22 appoint, at the Governor's discretion, the member or  
23 members for which a list of nominees was not submitted.  
24 Whenever a vacancy occurs prior to the completion of the  
25 term of office of a member appointed pursuant to this  
26 paragraph, the entity that prepared the list for the  
27 board member whose seat has become vacant shall submit a  
28 list of nominees to replace that member to the Governor  
29 who shall select a person to fill the vacancy in the  
30 manner provided for in this paragraph for the selection

1           of original appointments.

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