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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
OCTOBER 4, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in United States Semiquincentennial, providing
22 for infrastructure improvements and projects.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known

1 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a
2 section to read:

3 Section 2808.1-I. Infrastructure improvements and projects.

4 (a) Committee.--A committee is established within the
5 commission to review and select infrastructure improvements and
6 projects under section 2807-I(2).

7 (b) Membership.--The following shall apply:

8 (1) The committee shall consist of the following
9 members:

10 (i) Ten members of the Senate, of whom:

11 (A) Five shall be appointed by the Majority
12 Leader of the Senate.

13 (B) Five shall be appointed by the Minority
14 Leader of the Senate.

15 (ii) Ten members of the House of Representatives, of
16 whom:

17 (A) Five shall be appointed by the Speaker of
18 the House of Representatives.

19 (B) Five shall be appointed by the Minority
20 Leader of the House of Representatives.

21 (2) To the extent possible, each member under paragraph
22 (1) shall be chosen in accordance with the following
23 guidelines:

24 (i) one member from each political party from the
25 southeastern region;

26 (ii) one member from each political party from the
27 northeastern region;

28 (iii) one member from each political party from the
29 Northern Tier or central region;

30 (iv) one member from each political party from the

1 northwestern region; and

2 (v) one member from each political party from the
3 western or southwestern region.

4 (3) Section 2814-I shall apply to members of the
5 committee.

6 (c) Selection process.--The committee shall:

7 (1) Meet within 30 days of the effective date of this
8 section to schedule a series of meetings and hearings in each
9 geographic region.

10 (2) Choose infrastructure improvements and projects in
11 each region that shall be completed by January 31, 2026. The
12 following shall apply:

13 (i) Each infrastructure improvement or project shall
14 be a legacy project that allows each region to secure
15 funding for one or multiple improvements or projects that
16 help the region welcome the rest of the nation and the
17 world to this Commonwealth during the United States
18 Semiquincentennial.

19 (ii) The committee shall approve infrastructure
20 improvements and projects that have a lasting legacy for
21 future generations of Pennsylvanians.

22 (3) Consider infrastructure improvements and projects
23 that will be funded by Federal infrastructure dollars.

24 (4) Complete the selection of infrastructure
25 improvements and projects by December 31, 2022.

26 (5) Inform the public of merit-worthy infrastructure
27 improvements and projects through a series of public
28 hearings, with at least two public hearings in each region.
29 The hearings shall provide an opportunity for stakeholders,
30 including nonprofit organizations, art and history

1 organizations, religious leaders, elected officials, civic
2 leaders and members of the community, to identify
3 infrastructure improvements and projects that will best
4 position the region for the United States Semiquincentennial.

5 (6) For purposes of this subsection, the term
6 "geographic region" means a region of this Commonwealth in
7 which members are selected under subsection (b)(2).

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