

BUREAU OF TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY CREATED
Act of Jun. 7, 1919, P.L. 420, No. 205
AN ACT

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Creating a Bureau of Topographic and Geological Survey in the Department of Internal Affairs; providing for a topographic and geological survey of the State; and abolishing the Topographic and Geological Survey Commission of Pennsylvania and all offices or places held under said commission.

Section 1. (1 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 2. (2 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 3. (3 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 4. The bureau shall undertake, conduct, and maintain the organization of a thorough and extended survey of the State for the purpose of elucidating the geology and topography of the State.

The survey shall disclose such chemical analysis and location of ores, coals, oils, clays, soils, fertilizing and of other useful minerals, and of waters, as shall be necessary to afford the agricultural, mining, metallurgical, and other interests of the State a clear insight into the character of its resources. The survey shall also disclose the location and character of such rock formation as may be useful in the construction of highways or for any other purpose.

The bureau shall collect such specimens as may be necessary to form a complete cabinet collection of specimens of the geological and mineral resources of the State. The State Museum shall be the repository of such specimens.

The results of the survey shall be, with the results of previous surveys, put into form convenient for reference.

Section 5. (5 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 6. The bureau shall collect copies of the surveys of this and other States and countries, and shall digest the information therein contained, to the end that the survey hereby contemplated may be made as thorough, practical, and convenient as possible.

Section 7. Any person employed for the purposes of the survey may enter into and upon all lands and localities in this State which it may be necessary to examine. In such entry no damage to property shall be done.

Section 8. The bureau shall avail itself as fully as possible of the information, maps, and surveys, possessed by citizens and corporations of this State, relative to the geology and topography of the State.

All the facts, of whatever nature, obtained by the survey shall be considered public property, and any concealment or speculative use of the same is prohibited.

All publications of the survey or any part thereof shall be copyrighted by the Department of Internal Affairs in the name of the Commonwealth.

Section 9. The bureau may arrange for the cooperation of the United States Geological Survey or of such other national

organization as may be authorized to engage in such work, but only in such manner as not to interfere with the plan approved in the manner hereinbefore provided, it being the intent that a prompt and complete survey of this State shall be had without interference or control from any other governmental or private agency or organization.

Section 10. (10 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 11. (11 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 12. (12 repealed June 7, 1923, P.L.498, No.274)

Section 13. The Topographic and Geological Survey Commission of Pennsylvania, which was established by an act, entitled "An act authorizing the Topographic and Geological Survey Commission of Pennsylvania to establish and maintain a topographic and geological survey of the State; fixing salaries; providing for the printing and binding of the results of said survey and furnishing of supplies and stationery; and making an appropriation therefor," approved May thirteenth, one thousand nine hundred and nine (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred twenty-eight), and all offices and places held thereunder are hereby abolished. The said commission shall, upon demand made by the Secretary of Internal Affairs, transfer or cause to be transferred to him, for the use of the said bureau, all papers, maps, surveys, reports, analyses, samples, materials, instruments, supplies, evidences, and manuscripts relating to investigations or explorations, completed and uncompleted, and all property, of any and every nature or character whatsoever, being the property of the State, in the possession or custody of the said commission, the State Geologist, or their employes or agents, as soon as the same can be conveniently done.

Section 14. This act shall be in effect on the first day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen.

Section 15. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.