

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 421

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 9, 1981

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; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," imposing certain  
21 restrictions on publications by Commonwealth agencies.

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

24 Section 1. Section 521, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,  
25 No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended  
26 to read:

27 Section 521. Publications.--[No] (a) Subject to the

1 additional limitations set forth in subsection (b) no  
2 department, board, agency or commission shall publish or  
3 distribute any publication, map, or document to the public,  
4 except through the Department of [Property and Supplies] General  
5 Services, unless the Department of [Property and Supplies]  
6 General Services shall have consented to the direct publication  
7 or distribution of such publication, map, or document, by such  
8 other department, or by such board or commission.

9 (b) All publications by every department, board, agency or  
10 commission shall be subject to the following limitations:

11 (1) Except for an express written request, no publication in  
12 excess of ten pages shall be available for distribution.

13 (2) For proposed publications in excess of ten pages,  
14 notices of availability of such publication may be distributed  
15 to concerned persons or associations and to the public at large.

16 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any  
17 reports required by the Governor or by the General Assembly.

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