

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1014** Session of  
1975

INTRODUCED BY ECKENSBERGER, RITTER, ZELLER AND ZWIKL,  
APRIL 15, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 16, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 18, 1875 (P.L.28, No.31), entitled "An  
2 act to authorize the judges of the several courts throughout  
3 the commonwealth to fix the number of the regular terms of  
4 said several courts and the times for holding the same, the  
5 time for summoning the grand jury and for the returns of  
6 constable, alderman and justices of the peace to the same,"  
7 providing for special grand juries and special prosecutors.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 18, 1875 (P.L.28, No.31),  
11 entitled "An act to authorize the judges of the several courts  
12 throughout the commonwealth to fix the number of the regular  
13 terms of said several courts and the times for holding the same,  
14 the time for summoning the grand jury and for the returns of  
15 constable, alderman and justices of the peace to the same," is  
16 amended by adding sections to read:

17 Section 4. In addition to grand juries summoned for terms of  
18 court, special grand juries may be called as the court deems  
19 necessary on the basis of reasonable belief of criminal  
20 activity, on motion of the court, the Attorney General or the

1 District Attorney or on petition of a citizen of the judicial  
2 district.

3 Section 5. The court may appoint a special prosecutor in any  
4 criminal case and fix his salary and expenses to be paid by the  
5 county.

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