

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2568** Session of  
 1976

INTRODUCED BY PYLES, JUNE 24, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 24, 1976

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 7, 1923 (P.L.158, No.119), entitled "An  
 2 act creating a Legislative Reference Bureau; providing for  
 3 the election of a director by the General Assembly;  
 4 designating the officers and employes of such bureau,  
 5 defining their duties; fixing their salaries; abolishing the  
 6 present Legislative Reference Bureau; and making an  
 7 appropriation," establishing the Office of Revisor of  
 8 Statutes and further providing for its powers and duties and  
 9 making an appropriation.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of May 7, 1923 (P.L.158, No.119),  
 13 entitled "An act creating a Legislative Reference Bureau;  
 14 providing for the election of a director by the General  
 15 Assembly; designating the officers and employes of such bureau,  
 16 defining their duties; fixing their salaries; abolishing the  
 17 present Legislative Reference Bureau; and making an  
 18 appropriation," is amended by adding sections to read:

19 Section 10.1. Revisor of Statutes.--There shall be within  
 20 the Legislative Reference Bureau an Office of Revisor of  
 21 Statutes. This office shall consist of a revisor and such  
 22 technical, clerical, and stenographic personnel as necessary to

1 expeditiously and efficiently discharge the duties imposed by  
2 this act.

3 Section 10.2. Appointment of Personnel; Qualifications;  
4 Salary.--In connection with the operations of the Revisor of  
5 Statutes, the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau shall  
6 select as Revisor of Statutes a duly qualified person. The  
7 revisor shall have direct supervision and control of the office.  
8 The revisor, with the approval of the Director of the  
9 Legislative Reference Bureau, may select such assistant revisors  
10 as may be required for the proper discharge of the functions of  
11 the office. The revisor, with similar approval, shall also  
12 select other technical, clerical and stenographic assistants as  
13 may be necessary.

14 The revisor's salary shall be set by the Director of the  
15 Legislative Reference Bureau at not less than twenty thousand  
16 dollars a year. The salary of the assistant revisors shall be  
17 set by the revisor with the approval of the Director of the  
18 Legislative Reference Bureau.

19 Section 10.3. Powers and Duties.--The Revisor of Statutes  
20 shall have the power and duty to:

21 (1) Select such statutory law as are considered most in need  
22 of revision and present to the General Assembly bills covering  
23 such revisions.

24 (2) Recommend the revision, simplification and rearrangement  
25 of existing statutory law.

26 (3) Eliminate from such law all obsolete, superseded,  
27 duplicated and unconstitutional statutes or parts of statutes,  
28 but make no changes in the substance of existing statutes.

29 (4) Furnish the General Assembly explanatory statements of  
30 changes in existing statutes or parts of statutes which such

1 revisions, if enacted, would accomplish.

2 (5) Conduct a mandatory review of existing statutes every  
3 ten years.

4 (6) Conduct a mandatory review of all laws relating to the  
5 boards, departments, agencies, commissions and bureaus of the  
6 Executive Branch of the government every five years.

7 (7) Perform such other actions as are necessary to carrying  
8 out the provisions of this section.

9 Section 10.4. Appropriation.--The sum of one hundred twenty-  
10 five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary,  
11 is specifically appropriated to the Legislative Reference Bureau  
12 for the fiscal year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977 to establish  
13 and staff the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

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