

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 72

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY FREIND, JANUARY 19, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 19, 1981

AN ACT

Amending the act of October 15, 1980 (No.164), entitled "A supplement to the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled 'An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employees in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employees of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined,' implementing the addition of section 4.1 to Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania; establishing the Office of Attorney General elected by the citizens and setting forth powers and duties of the Attorney General; creating an Office of General Counsel and providing for legal services for Commonwealth agencies; transferring, reorganizing or reconstituting certain boards, commissions and agencies; placing certain duties upon the courts and district attorneys; repealing certain acts and parts of acts and making appropriations," further providing for the duties of the Office of General Counsel.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Section 301, act of October 15, 1980 (No.164),
3 known as the "Commonwealth Attorneys Act," is amended by adding
4 a paragraph to read:

5 Section 301. General Counsel.

6 There is hereby established the Office of General Counsel
7 which shall be headed by a General Counsel appointed by the
8 Governor to serve at his pleasure who shall be the legal advisor
9 to the Governor and who shall:

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11 (13) Perform any and all legal services required with
12 respect to the issuance of general obligation bonds or tax
13 anticipation notes of the Commonwealth. Such legal services
14 shall be performed by one or more deputy or assistant general
15 counsels who are salaried employes of the office. Under no
16 circumstances shall such legal services be performed by the
17 retaining of outside bond counsel.

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