

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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No. 1320 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA, JACKSON, DISTLER, MOEHLMANN, PUNT,
HECKLER, SIRIANNI, PRESTON, BUNT, GODSHALL AND VROON, MAY 11,
1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 11, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 16, 1921 (P.L.579, No.262), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act providing for the better management of the
3 jails or county prisons in the several counties of this
4 Commonwealth of the third, fourth, fifth classes and in
5 certain counties of the sixth, seventh and eighth classes by
6 creating, in such counties, a board to be known by the name
7 and style of inspectors of the jail or county prison, with
8 authority to appoint a warden of such prison, and by vesting
9 in said board, and the officers appointed by it, the safe-
10 keeping, discipline, and employment of prisoners and the
11 government and management of said jails or county prisons,"
12 deleting the judge of the court of common pleas, the district
13 attorney and the sheriff from the board of inspectors of the
14 jail or county prison.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of May 16, 1921 (P.L.579,
18 No.262), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the better
19 management of the jails or county prisons in the several
20 counties of this Commonwealth of the third, fourth, fifth
21 classes and in certain counties of the sixth, seventh and eighth
22 classes by creating, in such counties, a board to be known by
23 the name and style of inspectors of the jail or county prison,

1 with authority to appoint a warden of such prison, and by
2 vesting in said board, and the officers appointed by it, the
3 safe-keeping, discipline, and employment of prisoners and the
4 government and management of said jails or county prisons,"
5 amended April 28, 1978 (P.L.74, No.35), is amended to read:

6 Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the persons now holding
7 the following offices, and their successors, in all counties of
8 this Commonwealth of the third, fourth, and fifth classes, shall
9 compose a board, to be known by the name and style of inspectors
10 of the jail or county prisons, to wit: [The president judge of
11 the court of common pleas or a judge designated by him, the
12 district attorney, the sheriff, the] The controller[,] and the
13 commissioners of each of said counties; in which board, and the
14 officers appointed by it, the safe-keeping, discipline, and
15 employment of prisoners, and the government and management of
16 said institution, shall be exclusively vested; and that the
17 present responsibility of the sheriff of each of said counties
18 in regard to the safe-keeping of the prisoners shall cease and
19 determine on their committal to said prison, and such sheriff
20 shall no longer be furnished a residence in said institution.

21 Any county of the sixth, seventh or eighth class may elect by
22 resolution of the county commissioners to be governed by the
23 provisions of this act.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.