
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 456 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, ANDREZESKI, SALVATORE AND AFFLERBACH,
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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 7, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Office
3 of State Public Defender.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 9552. State Public Defender.

9 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby created the Office of
10 State Public Defender.

11 (b) Appointment and term of office.--The State Public
12 Defender shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve for
13 a term of eight years. The State Public Defender may be
14 appointed to one additional term.

15 (c) Powers and duties.--The State Public Defender shall act
16 as legal counsel to every criminal defendant involved in an
17 appeal to the Supreme or Superior Court who, for lack of
18 sufficient funds, is unable to hire legal counsel.

1 (d) Personnel and compensation.--The State Public Defender,
2 with the approval of the Governor, may appoint as many full-time
3 or part-time assistant public defenders, clerks, investigators,
4 stenographers and other employees as he may deem necessary to
5 enable him to carry out the duties of his office. The Executive
6 Board shall fix the salary of the State Public Defender and the
7 personnel authorized by this section.

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