## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 2672 Session of 1994

INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, GORDNER, LAUGHLIN, TRELLO, DALEY, MELIO, MIHALICH, COLAIZZO, TIGUE, D. R. WRIGHT, OLASZ, WILLIAMS AND PISTELLA, APRIL 11, 1994

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 11, 1994

## AN ACT

Amending the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), entitled "A supplement to the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), 2 3 entitled 'An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct 4 of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative 6 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, 7 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or 8 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or 9 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative 10 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative 11 12 officers, and of the several administrative departments, 13 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive 14 15 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of 16 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, 17 18 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the 19 number and compensation of the deputies and all other 20 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined, 'implementing the addition 21 22 of section 4.1 to Article IV of the Constitution of 23 Pennsylvania; establishing the Office of Attorney General 24 elected by the citizens and setting forth powers and duties 25 of the Attorney General; creating an Office of General 26 Counsel and providing for legal services for Commonwealth 27 agencies; transferring, reorganizing or reconstituting 28 certain boards, commissions and agencies; placing certain 29 duties upon the courts and district attorneys; repealing 30 certain acts and parts of acts and making appropriations," 31 providing for the appointment of a special prosecutor for 32 cases involving conflict of interest of the Office of 33 Attorney General.

- 1 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 2 hereby enacts as follows:
- 3 Section 1. The act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164),
- 4 known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, is amended by adding a
- 5 chapter to read:
- 6 CHAPTER 2-A
- 7 SPECIAL PROSECUTOR
- 8 <u>Section 201-A.</u> <u>Special prosecutor.</u>
- 9 (a) Duties.--A matter involving possible criminal conduct on
- 10 the part of the Attorney General or any assistant or deputy
- 11 thereof shall be investigated and prosecuted if necessary by a
- 12 <u>special prosecutor selected by the General Assembly.</u>
- 13 (b) Selection. -- A special prosecutor shall be authorized
- 14 only by adoption of a concurrent resolution by each house of the
- 15 General Assembly. The resolution may name an individual to serve
- 16 <u>as special prosecutor or it may authorize the Judiciary</u>
- 17 <u>Committee of the Senate and the Judiciary Committee of the House</u>
- 18 of Representatives to select an individual to serve as special
- 19 prosecutor.
- 20 (c) Trial.--Any prosecution that may result from an
- 21 investigation by the special prosecutor shall be conducted by
- 22 trial in the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas.
- 23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.