

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
 2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
 3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
 4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
 5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
 6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
 9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
 11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
 14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
 17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
 18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
 19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
 20 commissions shall be determined," providing for General
 21 Assembly general appropriation procedure; and further
 22 providing for revenue estimates.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
 26 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a
 27 section to read:

28 Section 613.1. General Assembly General Appropriation

1 Procedure.--(a) The following deadlines are imposed:

2 (1) No later than six weeks after the date of submission of
3 the budget by the Governor to the General Assembly under section
4 619(b), a separate general appropriation bill shall be
5 introduced in each chamber of the General Assembly.

6 (2) Each chamber of the General Assembly shall pass a
7 general appropriation bill no later than the first full week in
8 May, except in a fiscal year when the Governor is inaugurated,
9 in which case each chamber shall pass a general appropriation
10 bill no later than the second full week of May.

11 (3) A final general appropriation bill shall be passed by
12 the General Assembly and presented to the Governor for signature
13 no later than June 30 of the same fiscal year in which the bill
14 was introduced.

15 (4) If the Governor vetoes the general appropriation bill
16 passed under paragraph (3) and the veto is not overridden,
17 another general appropriation bill shall be passed by the
18 General Assembly and presented to the Governor for signature
19 within two weeks of the date of the veto.

20 (b) Failure to meet any of the deadlines set forth in
21 subsection (a) shall:

22 (1) result in forfeiture of pay by the members of the
23 chamber of the General Assembly that failed to meet the
24 deadline, along with forfeiture of the per diem allowances and
25 legislative expense reimbursements for lodging, meals and
26 mileage applicable to the members of that chamber; and

27 (2) require the physical presence in the Main Capitol
28 Building of all members of the chamber that failed to meet the
29 deadline, until the objective of the unmet deadline has been
30 attained.

1 Section 2. Section 618 of the act is amended by adding a
2 subsection to read:

3 Section 618. Revenue Estimates.--* * *

4 (a.1) The Department of Revenue, in conjunction with the
5 Secretary of the Budget, shall make revenue estimates and
6 periodic revisions available for use by the General Assembly in
7 preparing a budget until the final estimate is signed by the
8 Governor, which shall occur no later than the date on which the
9 Governor signs the general appropriation bill. The initial
10 estimate shall be available by the second week of February each
11 year and at least one revised estimate shall be available no
12 later than May 1.

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14 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.