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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED,
OCTOBER 2, 2013

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 the State
21 Geospatial Coordinating Board.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

23 hereby enacts as follows:

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

1 Section 432.1. State Geospatial Coordinating Board.--(a)
2 ~~The State Geospatial Coordinating Board shall be an advisory~~ <--
3 ~~board within the Governor's Office with the same status under~~
4 ~~this act as that of other advisory boards. The~~ THERE IS <--
5 ESTABLISHED A STATE GEOSPATIAL COORDINATING BOARD WITHIN THE
6 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION. THE ADVISORY board is
7 established to provide advice and recommendations to the
8 Governor and the citizens of this Commonwealth on geospatial
9 issues, providing for uniformity, data standards, coordination
10 and the efficiency of geospatial policy and technology issues
11 among Federal, State and local government agencies, academic
12 institutions and the private sector.

13 (b) (1) The State Geospatial Coordinating Board shall
14 consist of the following members:

15 (i) The Secretary of Administration or a designee.
16 (ii) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or a
17 designee.

18 (iii) The Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources or
19 a designee.

20 (iv) The Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management
21 Agency, or its successor agency, or a designee.

22 (v) The Secretary of Transportation or a designee.
23 (vi) The Secretary of General Services or a designee.
24 (vii) One member designated by the President pro tempore of
25 the Senate.

26 (viii) One member designated by the Minority Leader of the
27 Senate.

28 (ix) One member designated by the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives.

30 (x) One member designated by the Minority Leader of the

1 House of Representatives.

2 (xi) Three members appointed by the Governor as follows:

3 (A) One member shall be a county commissioner at the time of
4 appointment.

5 (B) One member shall be a local elected official
6 representing an urban or suburban Pennsylvania community.

7 (C) One member shall be a local elected official
8 representing a rural Pennsylvania community.

9 (xii) One member designated by the County Geographic
10 Information Systems Professionals Association of Pennsylvania.

11 (xiii) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Mapping and
12 Geographic Information Consortium.

13 (xiv) One member designated by the County Commissioners
14 Association of Pennsylvania.

15 (xv) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Chapter of
16 the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric
17 Surveyors.

18 (2) The members of the board shall include persons
19 knowledgeable in the fields related to geographic information
20 systems, such as geospatial technology, data development,
21 architecture standards, data sharing, county government, local
22 government, municipal planning and OR municipal authorities. The <--
23 appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
24 authority.

25 (c) The board shall also include the following nonvoting ex
26 officio members or their designees, who shall have all the
27 rights of other members, except for voting:

28 (1) The Commonwealth's mapping liaison from the United
29 States Geological Survey.

30 (2) One member designated by the Pennsylvania One Call

1 System.

2 (3) The chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
3 Commission or a designee.

4 (4) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Society of
5 Land Surveyors.

6 (5) One member designated by The Geographic Information
7 System Consortium of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher
8 Education.

9 (6) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Municipal
10 Authorities Association.

11 (7) One member designated by the American Planning
12 Association, Pennsylvania Chapter.

13 (8) The ~~executive~~ director of Pennsylvania Spatial Data
14 Access. <--

15 (d) The terms of office of members representing State
16 agencies shall coincide with the term of the Governor. In case
17 of a vacancy, the Governor shall make an appointment for the
18 unexpired portion of the term. An organizational designee shall
19 serve a term of three years. In the case of a vacancy, the
20 appropriate organization shall provide a designee for the
21 unexpired portion of the term. THE REPLACEMENT COUNCIL MEMBER <--
22 SHALL SERVE UNTIL AN ALTERNATE DESIGNEE IS DULY APPOINTED BY THE
23 APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION FOR THE FOLLOWING TERM.

24 (e) The Governor shall designate the chairperson and vice-
25 chairperson of the board from among the members of the board,
26 other than the ex officio and legislative members. The board
27 shall meet not less than four times yearly. Additional meetings
28 shall be at the discretion of the chairperson. Nine members of
29 the board shall constitute a quorum.

30 (f) The members of the board shall serve without

1 ~~compensation but shall be entitled to receive travel and other~~ <--
2 ~~reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.~~
3 The board may, with the approval of the Governor, appoint and
4 fix the compensation of an executive director who shall be
5 technically qualified for the duties of the office and who shall
6 act as secretary of the board and conduct the work of the board
7 under its supervision.

8 (g) The board shall have the power to employ and fix the
9 compensation of such experts, stenographers and assistants as
10 may be deemed necessary to carry out the work on the board, but
11 due diligence shall be exercised by the board to enlist such
12 voluntary assistance as may be available from citizens, research
13 organizations and other agencies in this Commonwealth or
14 elsewhere, generally recognized as qualified to aid the board.

15 (h) The board shall have the following powers and duties:

16 (1) Recommend data development priorities and
17 interoperability standards for data sharing across agencies and
18 different units of government across this Commonwealth.

19 (2) Monitor national and State trends, identify issues of
20 potential interest and concern to the Commonwealth and prepare
21 for the Governor and the General Assembly on an annual basis, or
22 more often if necessary, reports detailing the findings of the
23 board.

24 (3) Define and prioritize strategic opportunities where maps
25 and spatial analysis activities could enhance the business of
26 government and provide more cost-effective services to citizens.
27 This paragraph may include recommendations of specific
28 geospatial technology investments in this Commonwealth.

29 (4) Develop task forces as needed to formulate recommended
30 positions or actions. The task force membership may be comprised

1 of board members or designees appointed by the board. The board
2 shall consider any task force recommendations at its next
3 meeting.

4 (i) The Office of Administration shall provide
5 ADMINISTRATIVE assistance to the council as requested by the <--
6 chairperson of the board.

7 (j) Commonwealth agencies may provide assistance to the
8 board upon request of the chairperson, if sufficient
9 Commonwealth resources exist. THE BOARD AND MAY PROVIDE OTHER <--
10 ASSISTANCE TO THE BOARD UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON,
11 IF SUFFICIENT COMMONWEALTH RESOURCES EXIST.

12 (k) (J) This section shall expire on June 30, 2020. <--

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