

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 771 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, RAFFERTY, FERLO, BROWNE AND YAW, APRIL 3, 2013

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, MARCH 10, 2014

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:

27 Section 432.1. State Geospatial Coordinating Board.--(a)

1 There is established a State Geospatial Coordinating Board  
2 within the Governor's Office of Administration. The board is  
3 established to provide advice and recommendations to the  
4 Governor and the citizens of this Commonwealth on geospatial  
5 issues and provide uniform data standards, coordination and  
6 efficiency in geospatial policy and technology issues among  
7 Federal, State and local government agencies, academic  
8 institutions and the private sector.

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

11 (i) The Secretary of Administration or a designee.

12 (ii) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or a  
13 designee.

14 (iii) The Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources or  
15 a designee.

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

18 (v) The Secretary of Transportation or a designee.

19 (vi) The Secretary of General Services or a designee.

20 (vii) Three members appointed by the President pro tempore  
21 of the Senate in consultation with the Majority Leader and  
22 Minority Leader of the Senate. One member shall be a  
23 representative of a municipal authority. One member shall be an  
24 elected local government official representing a rural  
25 community. One member shall be an elected local government  
26 official representing a suburban community.

27 (viii) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House  
28 of Representatives in consultation with the Majority Leader and  
29 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. One member  
30 shall be a local elected official representing an urban

1 community. One member shall be an employe of a county emergency  
2 management agency. One member shall be an individual with  
3 expertise in geospatial technology.

4 (ix) Three members appointed by the Governor. One member  
5 shall be a county commissioner. One member shall be a member of  
6 the Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors. One member shall be  
7 an individual with expertise in data development and sharing.

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

10 (xi) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Mapping and  
11 Geographic Information Consortium.

12 (xii) One member designated by the County Commissioners  
13 Association of Pennsylvania.

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

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

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

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

29 (2) One member designated by the Pennsylvania One Call  
30 System.

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

3 (4) One member designated by The Geographic Information  
4 System Consortium of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher  
5 Education.

6 (5) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Municipal  
7 Authorities Association.

8 (6) One member designated by the American Planning  
9 Association, Pennsylvania Chapter.

10 (7) The director of Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access.

11 (8) THE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE OR A  
12 DESIGNEE.

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13 (d) The terms of office of members representing State  
14 agencies shall coincide with the term of the Governor. In case  
15 of a vacancy, the Governor shall make an appointment for the  
16 unexpired portion of the term. An organizational designee shall  
17 serve a term of three years. In the case of a vacancy, the  
18 appropriate organization shall provide a designee for the  
19 unexpired portion of the term. The replacement council member  
20 shall serve until an alternate designee is duly appointed by the  
21 appropriate organization for the following term.

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

28 (f) The members of the board shall serve without  
29 compensation. The board may, with the approval of the Governor,  
30 appoint and fix the compensation of an executive director who

1 shall be technically qualified for the duties of the office and  
2 who shall act as secretary of the board and conduct the work of  
3 the board under its supervision.

4 (g) From funds appropriated for the purposes of this  
5 subsection or to the Office of Administration, the board may  
6 employ and fix the compensation of such experts, stenographers  
7 and assistants as necessary to carry out the work on the board.  
8 The board shall make a diligent effort to enlist voluntary  
9 assistance as may be available from citizens, research  
10 organizations and other agencies in this Commonwealth or  
11 elsewhere, generally recognized as qualified to aid the board.

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

13 (1) Recommend data development priorities and  
14 interoperability standards for data sharing across agencies and  
15 different units of government across this Commonwealth.

16 (2) Monitor national and State trends, identify issues of  
17 potential interest and concern to the Commonwealth and submit  
18 annual reports to the Governor and the General Assembly and  
19 other reports as necessary.

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

25 (4) Develop task forces as needed to formulate recommended  
26 positions or actions. The task force membership may be comprised  
27 of board members or designees appointed by the board. The board  
28 shall consider any task force recommendations at its next  
29 meeting.

30 (i) The Office of Administration shall provide

1 administrative assistance to the board and may provide other  
2 assistance to the board upon recommendation of the chairperson,  
3 if sufficient Commonwealth resources exist.

4 (j) This section shall expire June 30, 2020.

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