

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1124 Session of 2015

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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," in Commonwealth budget
 21 procedures, providing for General Assembly general
 22 appropriation procedure and further providing for revenue
 23 estimates.

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

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

29 Section 613.1. General Assembly General Appropriation

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

2 (1) In the first year after the effective date of this
3 section and each year thereafter, no later than six weeks after
4 the date of submission of the budget by the Governor to the
5 General Assembly under section 619(b), the legislation listed in
6 paragraph (2)(i) shall be introduced in each chamber of the
7 General Assembly.

8 (2) In the first year after the effective date of this
9 section and each year thereafter, no later than the first full
10 week in May, except in a fiscal year when the Governor is
11 inaugurated in which case no later than the second full week in
12 May, the General Assembly shall:

13 (i) Pass out of at least one chamber all of the following:

14 (A) A general appropriations bill.

15 (B) Any preferred appropriations bills required to fund the
16 various agencies of the Commonwealth.

17 (C) Any bill required to direct the expenditure of any
18 appropriation of funds provided in the general appropriations
19 bill.

20 (D) Any nonpreferred appropriations bills necessary to fund
21 all institutions of higher education for which the Commonwealth
22 is required to provide funding.

23 (E) A bill providing sufficient revenue to fund the items
24 listed in clauses (A), (B), (C) and (D).

25 (ii) A final version of all of the legislation listed in
26 subparagraph (i) shall be passed by the General Assembly and
27 presented to the Governor for signature no later than June 1 of
28 the same fiscal year in which the legislation was introduced.

29 (3) If the Governor vetoes any of the legislation listed in
30 paragraph (2)(i) and the veto is not reconsidered pursuant to

1 section 15 or 16 of Article IV of the Constitution of
2 Pennsylvania, any bill vetoed and required under paragraph (2)
3 (i) shall be reintroduced, passed by the General Assembly and
4 presented to the Governor within two weeks of the date of the
5 veto.

6 (b) Failure to enact legislation listed in subsection (a)(2)
7 (i) on or before June 30 of each year shall:

8 (1) result in the irrevocable forfeiture of pay by the
9 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, cabinet members, members of the
10 General Assembly and all senior staff of the executive and
11 legislative branches along with forfeiture of any per diem
12 allowances and expense reimbursements for lodging, meals and
13 mileage applicable to those officers and employees; and

14 (2) require the physical presence of all public officials
15 and employees listed under paragraph (1) in the Main Capitol
16 Building for the purposes of conducting negotiation sessions
17 under subsection (c) until the legislation listed in subsection
18 (a)(2)(i) has been enacted for the applicable fiscal year.

19 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7
20 (relating to open meetings) to the contrary, meetings between
21 the Governor and representatives of the four legislative
22 caucuses of the General Assembly conducted for the purposes of
23 negotiating legislation listed in subsection (a)(2)(i) that
24 occur during a budget impasse shall comply with all of the
25 following:

26 (1) Be open to the public.

27 (2) Occur at a designated location within the Capitol
28 Complex.

29 (3) Provide notice one hour prior to any meeting under this
30 subsection as follows:

1 (i) Notice to the supervisor of the newsroom of the State
2 Capitol Building in Harrisburg for distribution to the members
3 of the Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents Association with
4 a minimum of 30 copies of the notice of the date, time and place
5 of each session, meeting or hearing.

6 (ii) Posting of the copy of the notice at public places
7 within the Main Capitol Building designated by the Secretary of
8 the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

11 Section 618. Revenue Estimates.--* * *

12 (a.1) The Department of Revenue, in conjunction with the
13 Secretary of the Budget, shall make revenue estimates and
14 periodic revisions available for use by the General Assembly in
15 preparing a budget until the final estimate is signed by the
16 Governor, which shall occur no later than the date on which the
17 Governor signs the general appropriation bill. The initial
18 estimate shall be available by the second week of February each
19 year and at least one revised estimate shall be available no
20 later than May 1.

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22 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.