

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY FRITZ, ROWE, M. MACKENZIE, MILLARD, IRVIN, HAMM, GROVE, OBERLANDER, BERNSTINE, RYAN, PICKETT, MOUL, SAYLOR AND HERSHEY, MARCH 24, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MARCH 24, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 7, 1961 (P.L.518, No.268), entitled "An
 2 act to create a regional agency by intergovernmental compact
 3 for the planning, conservation, utilization, development,
 4 management and control of the water and related natural
 5 resources of the Delaware River Basin, for the improvement of
 6 navigation, reduction of flood damage, regulation of water
 7 quality, control of pollution, development of water supply,
 8 hydroelectric energy, fish and wildlife habitat and public
 9 recreational facilities, and other purposes, and defining the
 10 functions, powers and duties of such agency," in organization
 11 and area, further providing for voting power.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 2.5 of the act of July 7, 1961 (P.L.518,
 15 No.268), known as the Delaware River Basin Compact, is amended
 16 to read:

17 Section 2.5. Voting Power. Each member shall be entitled to
 18 [one vote on all matters which may come before the commission.]
 19 a number of votes equivalent to each member's land area
 20 contribution to the basin on all matters which may come before
 21 the commission. The Federal Government shall be entitled to one

1 vote. The state of Delaware shall be entitled to one vote. The
2 state of New Jersey shall be entitled to three votes. The state
3 of New York shall be entitled to two votes. The Commonwealth of
4 Pennsylvania shall be entitled to six votes. No action of the
5 commission shall be taken at any meeting unless a majority of
6 the membership shall vote in favor thereof.

7 Section 2. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall transmit
8 a notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in
9 the Pennsylvania Bulletin upon enactment of legislation having
10 an identical effect as section 1 of this act by the Congress of
11 the United States and the states of Delaware, New Jersey and New
12 York.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

14 (1) Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon
15 publication of the notice required under section 2 of this
16 act.

17 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect
18 immediately.