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AN ACT

Establishing four state industrial farms dividing the State into districts for such purpose authorizing the purchase of sites and the erection and equipment of buildings and works for such institutions providing for their government and control by boards of managers appointed by the Governor and the Committee on Delinquency of this Commonwealth and for the commitment admission transfer employment and discharge of inmates imposing the cost of maintaining and except in certain cases transporting inmates on the counties and of sites buildings improvements overhead expenses and the transportation of certain prisoners on the Commonwealth exempting state industrial farms from taxation and making an appropriation

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 *this act shall be known and may be cited as "The*

1 State Industrial Farms Act of one thousand nine hundred
2 and nineteen"

3 Section 2 There are hereby established four state in-
4 dustrial farms for the first second third and fourth dis-
5 tricts respectively

6 Section 3 The first district shall comprise the counties
7 of Berks Bucks Chester Dauphin Delaware Lancaster Leb-
8 anon Lehigh Montgomery Northampton and York and the
9 state industrial farm therein located shall be known as
10 the "Southeastern Industrial Farm"

11 The second district shall comprise the counties of Brad-
12 ford Carbon Columbia Lackawanna Luzerne Lycoming Monroe
13 Montour Northumberland Pike Schuylkill Snyder Sullivan Sus-
14 quehanna Tioga Union Wayne and Wyoming and the state
15 industrial farm therein located shall be known as the
16 "Northeastern Industrial Farm"

17 The third district shall comprise the counties of Arm-
18 strong Butler Cameron Centre Clarion Clearfield Clinton Craw-
19 ford Elk Erie Forest Jefferson Lawrence McKean Mercer
20 Potter Venango and Warren and the state industrial farm
21 therein located shall be known as the "Northwestern In-
22 dustrial Farm"

23 The fourth district shall comprise the counties of Adams
24 Beaver Bedford Blair Cambria Cumberland Fayette Franklin
25 Fulton Greene Huntington Indiana Juniata Mifflin Perry
26 Somerset Washington and Westmoreland and the state in-
27 dustrial farm therein located shall be known as the "South-
28 western Industrial Farm"

29 Section 4 Upon the approval of this act a board of

1 managers for each district shall be appointed by the Gov-
2 ernor Each board shall consist of either five or seven
3 reputable citizens one or two of whom shall be women
4 The members of such boards shall serve without compen-
5 sation but all of their expenses actually and necessarily
6 incurred shall be paid by the State Treasurer on the
7 warrant of the Auditor General which shall be issued upon
8 the order of the board countersigned by the secretary of
9 the Committee of Delinquency of this Commonwealth The
10 members of the various boards shall serve for a term of
11 five years and their successors for the same period The
12 Governor may remove any of the managers for misconduct
13 incompetency or neglect of duty and in case of a vacancy
14 for any cause shall fill such vacancy by appointment for
15 the unexpired term

16 Section 5 The board of managers of each district is
17 hereby authorized by a majority vote to select a suitable
18 site for the state industrial farm of the district Such
19 site shall be within the district and shall either be
20 chosen from lands donated to the Commonwealth for the
21 purpose or purchased by the board with moneys appro-
22 priated or donated for the purpose Provided That any
23 such site shall not contain more than two thousand (2,000)
24 acres The title to land donated or purchased as herein
25 provided shall be taken and held in the name of "The
26 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" and shall be examined and
27 approved by the Attorney General prior to the acceptance
28 or purchase of the land In the selection of a site the
29 board of managers shall take into consideration the objects

1 and purposes of the institution the accessibility of any
2 proposed site to the counties included in the district and
3 all or as many as practicable of the following enumerated
4 advantages and resources The land selected and purchased shall
5 be of varied topography with natural resources and advant-
6 ages for many forms of husbandry fruit growing and stock-
7 raising for brick-making and for the preparation of all
8 other road and paving material and shall have good rail-
9 road drainage sewage and water facilities Waste land or
10 land requiring drainage may be selected if deemed suscep-
11 tible of profitable cultivation after its improvement

12 Section 6 All buildings constructed in pursuance of this
13 act shall be plain and inexpensive in character and the
14 labor in constructing such buildings improvements and faci-
15 lities shall be supplied by persons committed to the state
16 industrial farm or confined in State or county penal re-
17 formatory or correctional institutions so far as found prac-
18 ticable

19 The boards of managers shall procure all necessary
20 materials erect and equip such buildings employ such
21 skilled labor as cannot be furnished by the persons com-
22 mitted to their respective industrial farms or by persons
23 confined in State or county penal reformatory or correctional
24 institutions and provide all proper facilities for their use
25 and for the practical use of the institution

26 When the board of managers of any State industrial
27 farm shall have made all preliminary arrangements for the
28 construction of the buildings and equipment therein they
29 shall notify the Governor who shall issue a proclamation

1 announcing such fact and thereafter prisoners having more
2 than thirty days to serve may be transferred to such
3 State industrial farm from any jail or workhouse in that
4 district on the order of the Governor

5 Section 7 The boards of inspectors of the State peni-
6 tentiaries and of the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory
7 at Huntingdon upon the request of a board of mana-
8 gers of a State industrial farm are hereby authorized to
9 transfer to such State industrial farm from their respec-
10 tive institutions any prisoners of special or mechanical
11 ability therein who may be found in the judgment of
12 such board and the board of managers of such State
13 industrial farm suitable for the purpose and provide trans-
14 portation and proper guards for such prisoners and while
15 such prisoners remain at such State industrial farm they
16 shall be subject to the orders of the inspectors of the
17 institution from which they were transferred as to their
18 return and in all other respects except as to discipline
19 and government While at such State industrial farm they
20 shall be under the control discipline and government and
21 subject to the orders of the board of managers of such
22 State industrial farm and its executive officers

23 The expense of transporting and transferring prisoners
24 used in the construction of buildings and equipment to
25 and from any State industrial farm shall be paid by
26 the State Treasurer upon the warrant of the Auditor
27 General out of any moneys appropriated for the establish-
28 ment of such State industrial farm The Auditor General

1 shall issue warrants for such purpose upon the order of
2 the executive officer of the board of managers of such
3 State industrial farm

4 The maintenance of such prisoners as are transferred
5 from a State penitentiary or reformatory shall be paid
6 by the institution from which they are transferred but
7 the cost of such maintenance in excess of the average
8 per capita cost of maintaining prisoners at the institu-
9 tion from which such prisoners shall have been trans-
10 ferred shall be refunded to any such institution out of
11 any moneys appropriated for the establishment of the State
12 industrial farm

13 Section 8 When any State industrial farm shall have
14 been established and ready for operation a superintendent
15 and matron and such other officers as may be deemed
16 necessary shall be appointed by the proper board of man-
17 agers Any persons so appointed shall hold their offices
18 respectively during the pleasure of the board of mana-
19 gers The compensation of all such persons shall be fixed
20 by the board of managers

21 Section 9 When in any district the arrangements for
22 the reception of inmates shall have been completed the
23 Court of quarter sessions of every county embraced in
24 such district shall transfer from the county prisons and
25 jails respectively to the State industrial farm of the dis-
26 trict all persons who shall have been sentenced to any
27 of said county prisons and jails for any crime misde-
28 meanor or felony murder and voluntary manslaughter ex-
29 cepted or who shall have been committed to any of

1 such county prisons and jails for non-payment of any
2 fine or penalty or for non-payment of costs or for de-
3 fault in complying with any order of court entered in
4 any prosecution for desertion or non-support and any other
5 persons legally confined in any of said county jails or
6 prisons except persons confined awaiting trial or detained
7 as witnesses Provided That any person whose term will ex-
8 pire within thirty days shall not be transferred

9 Thereafter when any person is convicted in any of
10 the said courts of any offense crime misdemeanor or fel-
11 ony murder and voluntary manslaughter excepted the pun-
12 ishment of which is or may hereafter be imprisonment in
13 any county jail or prison the said court shall if sen-
14 tence of imprisonment for thirty days or more be im-
15 posed upon such person commit such person to the State
16 industrial farm of the district in which said court may
17 have jurisdiction If sentence of imprisonment for more than
18 ten but less than thirty days be imposed the court may
19 in its discretion commit such person to the State indus-
20 trial farm for the district

21 Courts of record and courts not of record of the
22 counties included in any such district shall hereafter com-
23 mit to the State industrial farm of the district all per-
24 sons who might be lawfully committed to the county jail
25 or prison on charges of vagrancy drunkenness or disor-
26 derly conduct or for default or non-payment of any costs
27 fine or penalty or for default in complying with any
28 order of court entered in any prosecution for desertion or
29 non-support where in any such case the commitment will

1 be for a period of thirty days or more. If the com-
2 mitment be from ten to thirty days the committing au-
3 thority may in its discretion commit any such person to
4 the State industrial farm.

5 The superintendent may under the direction of the
6 court of quarter sessions remove any inmate to the county
7 jail for the unexpired term of his or her term of
8 commitment or to the poorhouse of the proper city or
9 county or to any hospital or lunatic asylum in such
10 county as circumstances may require.

11 Section 10 The cost of transporting any persons com-
12 mitted to a State industrial farm shall be paid by the
13 county from which the prisoner is committed and the
14 sheriff of the county shall receive the same mileage and
15 fees for prisoners committed to a State industrial farm
16 as are now allowed by law for transporting prisoners
17 committed to the State penitentiaries. When any prisoner
18 is discharged from a State industrial farm the superin-
19 tendent thereof shall procure for him a railroad ticket to
20 any point to which said prisoner may desire to go not
21 farther from such State industrial farm than the point
22 which he was sentenced and it shall be the duty of
23 the superintendent or his duly authorized agent to accom-
24 pany the prisoner to the railroad station deliver the ticket
25 to the proper railroad conductor and formally release the
26 prisoner on the train which he takes for his destina-
27 tion.

28 Section 11 It shall be the purpose of every State in-
29 dustrial farm to employ the prisoners committed or trans-

1 ferred thereto in work on or about the buildings and
2 farm and in growing produce and supplies for its own
3 use and for the other institutions of the Commonwealth
4 in the preparation of road materials and in making brick
5 tile paving material and such other products or materials
6 as may be found practicable for the use of the Com-
7 monwealth or any political subdivision therein and in other
8 industries which may be approved by the board of man-
9 agers of the State industrial farm and the Committee on
10 Delinquency of this Commonwealth Should any State indus-
11 trial farm produce supplies or materials in excess of its
12 needs and demands or in excess of the demands of the
13 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof such sur-
14 plus may be sold by the Committee on Delinquency at
15 the prevailing market price

16 Section 12 Any State industrial farm shall make such
17 reports and keep such accounts as are now or may
18 hereafter be required by law and shall in all such mat-
19 ters be subject to the rules and regulations established
20 by the Committee on Delinquency

21 Section 13 The original cost of the site and build-
22 ings of any State industrial farm and all additions there-
23 to and all fixed overhead charges in conducting the in-
24 stitution shall be paid by the Commonwealth out of
25 moneys appropriated for the purpose by the General As-
26 sembly

27 The cost of the care and maintenance of the in-
28 mates of such institution shall be certified monthly to the

1 counties from which inmates shall have been committed
2 Such cost shall be paid by the counties in proportion to
3 the number of days spent by the inmates committed from
4 each county All payments shall be on requisition of the
5 board of managers and on warrants of the county com-
6 missioners countersigned by the county ontroller

7 Section 14 Whenever it shall be found that any State
8 industrial farm can accommodate and care for a greater
9 number of prisoners the Committee on Delinquency with
10 approval of the Governor may order to be transferred to
11 such State industrial farm from the State penitentiaries or
12 from the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon
13 or from any other State industrial farm such prisoner or
14 prisoners as in the opinion of the Committee on Delin-
15 quency will be improved in health or in industrial de-
16 velopment or otherwise by such transfer Any prisoner so
17 transferred may be returned to the institution from which
18 he was transferred whenever the Committee on Delinquency
19 after consultation with the board of managers of the State
20 industrial farm to which said prisoner may have been
21 transferred and with the approval of the Governor shall
22 consider such return advisable

23 The cost of transporting any prisoner transferred as
24 provided in this section shall be paid out of the moneys
25 appropriated by the General Assembly to the Committee
26 on Delinquency

27 The cost of the maintenance and care of any prisoner
28 so transferred shall be paid by the county in which he
29 shall have been convicted on the basis of the average

1 daily charge for maintaining prisoners at the State in-
2 dustrial farm to which such prisoner shall have been
3 transferred.

4 For information respecting the transfer of any pris-
5 oner prisoners shall be promptly forwarded by the
6 Committee on Delinquency to the proper officials of the
7 county in which such prisoner or prisoners have been
8 convicted or sentenced.

9 Secn 15 All the property real and personal au-
10 thorized to be held by virtue of this act shall be ex-
11 empt from taxation by the Commonwealth or any political
12 subdivision thereof.

13 Secn 16 The rules and regulations governing State
14 industrial farms shall be uniform and shall be made by
15 the Committee on Delinquency. They shall be general in
16 character and the respective boards of managers of each
17 institution may add local rules not inconsistent with the
18 spirit and substance of the regulations adopted by the
19 Committee on Delinquency.

20 Secn 17 To carry out the purposes of this act
21 the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) or
22 so much thereof as shall be necessary is hereby appro-
23 priated but not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)
24 shall be expended for the purchase and equipment of the
25 State industrial farm of any district.

26 Secn 18 The act approved the twentieth day of
27 July of thousand nine hundred and seventeen entitled
28 "An Act establishing nine county industrial farms work-
29 houses and reformatories dividing the State into districts

1 for such purpose authorizing the purchase of site and the
2 erection and equipment of buildings and works in such
3 institutions providing for their government and food and
4 for the commitment admission employment and charge of
5 inmates providing for an apartment for inebriates and the
6 admission and commitment of inmates thereto imposing the
7 cost of maintenance on the inmates in certain cases im-
8 posing the cost of the institutions and the maintenance
9 of certain inmates on the counties and conferring certain
10 powers and duties on certain county officers" and all
11 other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith be
12 and the same are hereby repealed

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