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AN ACT

Creating a Bureau of Topographic and Geological Survey
in the Department of Internal Affairs providing for
a topographic and geological survey of the State and
abolishing the Topographic and Geographical Survey
Commission of Pennsylvania and all offices or places
held thereunder

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 a Bureau of Topographic and Geological Survey is hereby
5 created and established in the Department of Internal
6 Affairs the head of which shall be known as the State
7 Geologist

8 Section 2 The State Geologist shall be appointed by
9 the Governor and his compensation shall be fixed by the
10 Governor and the Secretary of Internal Affairs

11 Section 3 The State Geologist with the approval of
12 the Secretary of Internal Affairs may appoint employ and

1 fix the compensation of such clerks stenographers engineers
2 draftsmen and other assistants and help as the work of
3 the Bureau may require having due regard to the
4 availability of the employes in the rest of the Depart-
5 ment for cooperation in such work

6 Section 4 The Bureau shall undertake conduct and
7 maintain the organization of a thorough and extended sur-
8 vey of the State for the purpose of elucidating the
9 geology and topography of the State

10 The survey shall disclose such chemical analysis and
11 location of ores coals oils clays soils fertilizing and of
12 other useful minerals and of waters as shall be neces-
13 sary to afford the agricultural mining metallurgical and
14 other interests of the state a clear insight into the
15 character of its resources The survey shall also disclose
16 the location and character of such rock formation as may
17 be useful in the construction of highways or for any
18 other purpose

19 The Bureau shall collect such specimens as may be
20 necessary to form a complete cabinet collection of speci-
21 mens of the geological and mineral resources of the State
22 The State museum shall be the repository of such specimens

23 The results of the survey shall be with the results
24 of previous surveys put into form convenient for reference

25 Section 5 The work of the survey shall be done on
26 such plan as shall be approved by the Governor and
27 Secretary of Internal Affairs The State Geologist
28 shall immediately and thereafter as often as may be
29 required make out estimates for all necessary implements

1 and materials for the work and for all necessary expen-
2 ditures which estimates shall be submitted to and ap-
3 proved by the Secretary of Internal Affairs

4 Section 6 The Bureau shall collect copies of the sur-
5 veys of this and other states and countries and shall
6 digest the information therein contained to the end that
7 the survey hereby contemplated may be made as thorough
8 practical and convenient as possible

9 Section 7 Any person employed for the purposes of
10 the survey may enter into and upon all lands and
11 localities in this state which it may be necessary to
12 examine In such entry no damage to property shall be done

13 Section 8 The Bureau shall avail itself as fully as
14 possible of the information maps and surveys possessed
15 by citizens and corporations of this State relative to
16 the geology and topography of the State

17 All the facts of whatever nature obtained by the
18 survey shall be considered public property and any con-
19 cealment or speculative use of the same is prohibited

20 All publications of the survey or any part thereof
21 shall be copyrighted by the Department of Internal Affairs
22 in the name of the Commonwealth

23 Section 9 The Bureau may arrange for the coopera-
24 tion of the United States Geological Survey or of such
25 other national organization as may be authorized to en-
26 gage in such work but only in such manner as not to
27 interfere with the plan approved in the manner herein-
28 before provided it being the intent that a prompt and
29 complete survey of this State shall be had without inter-

1 ference or control from any other governmental or private
2 agency or organization

3 Section 10 The State Geologist shall annually prepare
4 a detailed report of the operations of the year and the
5 facts obtained by the survey he shall submit the same
6 to the Secretary of Internal Affairs who is authorized
7 to print and publish the said information in a suitable
8 and convenient form Copies of the reports with all maps
9 and supplements shall be donated to public libraries uni-
10 versities colleges and museums

11 Section 11 The necessary printing and binding shall
12 be done by the Department of Public Printing and Bind-
13 ing on the requisition of the Secretary of Internal Affairs

14 Section 12 The necessary offices equipment and sup-
15 plies shall be furnished by the Board of Commissioners
16 of Public Grounds and Buildings

17 Section 13 The Topographic and Geological Survey Com-
18 mission of Pennsylvania which was established by an act
19 entitled "An act authorizing the Topographic and Geologi-
20 cal Survey Commission of Pennsylvania to establish and
21 maintain a topographic and geological survey of the State
22 fixing salaries providing for the printing and binding of
23 the results of said survey and furnishing of supplies and
24 stationery and making an appropriation therefor" approved
25 May thirteenth one thousand nine hundred and nine (Pam-
26 phlet Laws eight hundred twenty-eight) and all offices and
27 places held thereunder are hereby abolished The said Com-
28 mission shall upon demand made by the Secretary of
29 Internal Affairs transfer or cause to be transferred to

1 him for the use of the said Bureau all papers maps
2 surveys reports analyses samples materials instruments sup-
3 plies evidences and manuscripts relating to investigations or
4 explorations completed and uncompleted and all property of
5 any and every nature or character whatsoever being the
6 property of the State in the possession or custody of
7 the said Commission the State Geologist or their employees
8 or agents as soon as the same can be conveniently
9 done

10 Section 14 This act shall be in effect on the first
11 day of June nineteen hundred and nineteen

12 Section 15 All laws or parts of laws inconsistent
13 with this act are hereby repealed