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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY GENERAL,
APRIL 1, 1919.

AN ACT

. Defining sedition and prescribing the punishment therefor

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 the word "sedition" as used in this Act shall mean:

5 Any writing publication printing cut cartoon utterance
6 or conduct either individually or in connection or combi-
7 nation with any other person or persons which tends

8 (a) To incite or arouse discontent against the Gov-
9 ernment of this State or of the United States

10 (b) To make any outbreak or demonstration of vio-
11 lence against this State or against the United States

12 (c) To encourage any person or persons to take any
13 measures or engage in any conduct with a view of over-
14 throwing or destroying or attempting to overthrow or de-
15 stroy by any force or show or threat of force the
16 Government of this State or of the United States

1 (d) To disturb the peace and tranquility of this
2 State or of the United States

3 (e) To incite or encourage any person or persons
4 to commit any overt act of any character with a view
5 to bringing the Government of this State or of the
6 United States into hatred or contempt

7 (f) To incite any person or persons to do or at-
8 tempt to do any personal injury or harm to any officer
9 of this State or of the United States or to damage or
10 destroy any public property of any kind whatsoever or
11 the property of any public official because of his official
12 position

13 It shall also include

14 (g) The actual damage to or destruction of any
15 public property or the property of any public official per-
16 petrated because the owner or occupant is in official
17 position

18 (h) Any writing publication printing cut cartoon or
19 utterance which advocates or teaches the duty necessity or
20 propriety of engaging in crime violence or any form of
21 terrorism as a means of accomplishing industrial or poli-
22 tical reform

23 (i) The sale of any prints publications books papers
24 documents or written matter in any form which advocates
25 furthers or teaches sedition as herein before defined

26 (j) Organizing or helping to organize or becoming a
27 member of an assembly society or group where any of
28 the policies or purposes thereof are seditious as herein
29 before defined

1 (k) Knowingly or wilfully renting by the owner agent
2 superintendent janitor or occupant of any building place
3 or room for any assemblage of persons for the purpose
4 of engaging in any form of sedition as herein before
5 defined or knowingly and wilfully permitting by any of
6 the persons aforesaid any assemblage of persons for such
7 purpose

8 Section 2 Sedition as defined in Section one of this
9 Act shall be a felony and any person convicted thereof
10 shall be sentenced to a fine of not less than one hun-
11 dred dollars (\$100) and not more than ten thousand
12 dollars (\$10,000) and to imprisonment not exceeding twenty
13 years either or both in the discretion of the Court

14 Section 3 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent here-
15 with be and the same are hereby repealed