
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **458**

Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MR. STIEFEL, APRIL 4, 1961

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT,
APRIL 4, 1961.

AN ACT

Relating to the geography of Pennsylvania creating the Pennsylvania
Geography Board and prescribing its powers and duties

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows

- 1 Section 1 It is hereby determined and declared as a matter of
2 legislative finding
- 3 (1) That no adequate geography has been prepared by Pennsylvania
4 or any state of the United States of its given territory

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill.
Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 (2) That the study of geography is important in the development
2 of good citizens

3 (3) That a scientific and up-to-date geography of Pennsylvania
4 available to the public for study would result in cultural growth and
5 economic progress

6 Section 2 There is hereby created an independent administrative
7 board to be known as the "Pennsylvania Geography Board" The board
8 shall consist of the Secretary of Internal Affairs the Secretary of Forests
9 and Waters the Secretary of Commerce and the Executive Directors of
10 the Pennsylvania Fish Commission the Pennsylvania Historical and
11 Museum Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission

12 Section 3 The board shall elect one of its members as chairman
13 and appoint one of its members as secretary The chairman shall when
14 present preside at all meetings and in his absence a member designated
15 by the chairman shall preside

16 Section 4 The duties of the board shall be to prepare a complete
17 and scientific geography of Pennsylvania It shall collect compile and edit
18 information maps and data pertaining thereto The geography shall be
19 completed as soon as possible consistent with completeness and accuracy
20 The board is authorized and it shall be its duty to enter into agreements

1 with a publisher for the publication of the geography and shall grant
2 said publisher the exclusive rights for the publication thereof on the
3 condition that (1) the publisher agrees to print and make them avail-
4 able to the public at a reasonable price and (2) three thousand copies
5 thereof are supplied to the board at no cost to the board or the Com-
6 monwealth which the board shall distribute to school libraries and
7 institutions of higher learning

8 Section 5 For the purpose of accomplishing the provisions of this
9 act secretarial and clerical services shall be supplied by the departments
10 and commissions whose heads are members of the Pennsylvania Geog-
11 raphy Board

12 Section 6 The board shall have the power and its duty shall be to
13 enlist the services of Pennsylvania scientists at no cost to the Com-
14 monwealth who are willing and able to aid the board in carrying
15 out the provisions of this act

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor