
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **535** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. STIEFEL, AND CHAPMAN,
APRIL 17, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL PRESERVA-
TION, APRIL 17, 1961.

AN ACT

To provide for the exchange of historical materials between historical societies as herein defined

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

- 1 Section 1 In order to recognize and assist in the valuable work of
- 2 historical societies in preserving historical papers documents relics and
- 3 museum pieces pertaining to the history of this Commonwealth and of

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1 its counties and municipalities and in promoting interest in Pennsyl-
2 vania's historical heritage the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
3 Commission is hereby authorized to cooperate with any qualified his-
4 torical society in investigations of historical or archaeological matters
5 relating to Pennsylvania in arranging cataloging and microfilming col-
6 lections of historical papers and documents in arranging cataloging and
7 displaying relics and museum pieces and otherwise in encouraging their
8 activities whenever in the discretion of the commission such cooperation
9 will serve the historical interests of the Commonwealth

10 Section 2 One copy of each publication of the Pennsylvania His-
11 torical and Museum Commission after the effective date of this act shall
12 be delivered to each qualified historical society within this Common-
13 wealth

14 Section 3 For the purpose of this act any historical society in the
15 Commonwealth shall be deemed to be qualified if it shall have at least
16 one hundred paid members and shall have been organized at least two
17 years and incorporated by the proper authority if it shall hold at least
18 one public meeting yearly whereat papers shall be read or discussions
19 held on historic subjects if it shall have adopted a constitution and by-
20 laws and elected proper officers to conduct its business and if it shall

- 1 either have established a museum wherein books documents papers and
- 2 other objects of historic interest shall be deposited or have made
- 3 periodic publications totalling at least twenty-five pages each year relat-
- 4 ing to Pennsylvania State or local historical interest

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