
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **680** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WEINER, KALMAN, MCGINNIS,
WADE AND MURRAY, MAY 23, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINERAL
INDUSTRIES, MAY 23, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9 1929 (P L 177) entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments boards commissions and officers thereof including the boards of Trustees of State Normal Schools or Teachers colleges abolishing creating reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments boards and commissions defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and ad-

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Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

ministrative officers and of the several administrative departments board commissions and officers fixing the salaries of the Governor Lieutenant Governor and certain other executive and administrative officers providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments boards and commissions and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments boards and commissions shall be determined" including the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission as a departmental administrative commission in the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries

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

- 1 Section 1 As much as applies to the Department of Mines and
- 2 Mineral Industries of section 202 act of April 9 1929 (P L 177) known
- 3 as "The Administrative Code of 1929" amended December 21 1950
- 4 (P L 1966) is amended to read
- 5 Section 202 Departmental Administrative Boards Commissions and
- 6 Offices The following boards commissions and offices are hereby placed

1 and made departmental administrative boards commissions or offices
2 as the case may be in the respective administrative departments men-
3 tioned in the preceding section as follows

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5 In the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries

6 Anthracite Mine Inspectors

7 Bituminous Mine Inspectors

8 Anthracite Mine Inspectors' Examining Board

9 Mine Inspectors' Examining Board for the Bituminous Coal mines
10 of Pennsylvania

11 Oil and Gas Inspectors Examining Board

12 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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14 All of the foregoing departmental administrative boards and com-
15 missions shall be organized or reorganized as provided in this act

16 Section 2 The act is amended by adding after section 466 a new
17 section to read

18 Section 467 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (a) The Oil
19 and Gas Conservation Commission shall consist of seven members one

1 of whom shall be the Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries or
2 his designated deputy The members of the commission shall have the
3 following qualifications

4 (1) Three of such members shall have had at least ten years ex-
5 perience with the production of and/or exploration of oil and three of
6 whom shall have had at least ten years experience with the produc-
7 tion of and/or exploration of gas All of the members except the Sec-
8 retary of Mines and Mineral Industries shall have had at least five
9 years of their experience within the ten year period immediately prior
10 to the date of their appointment

11 (2) Representation on the board shall include one member from
12 each of the following segments of the industry Independent Oil Major
13 Oil Independent Gas Major Utility Gas Major Non-utility Gas The
14 sixth appointee shall be an independent either oil or gas

15 (b) The commission shall annually elect one of its members as
16 chairman and shall elect a secretary who need not be a member of the
17 commission

18 (c) Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum
19 and any action or order of the commission shall require the approval
20 of at least four members

1 (d) The secretary shall have such powers and shall perform such
2 duties not contrary to the law as the commission shall prescribe

3 (e) The members of the commission shall not receive any com-
4 penetration except traveling expenses and other necessary expenses for
5 each day actually devoted to the work of the commission and the
6 secretary shall receive such reasonable compensation as shall be deter-
7 mined by the commission with the approval of the Secretary of Mines
8 and Mineral Industries

9 (f) Each of the commissioners except the Secretary of Mines and
10 Mineral Industries or his deputy shall be appointed by the Governor
11 with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall serve for a term of
12 six years provided however that on the effective date of the act the
13 Governor shall appoint two commissioners to serve for a term of two
14 years two commissioners to serve for a term of four years and two
15 commissioners to serve for a full term of six years All appointments
16 subsequent to the initial terms shall be for a six year period except
17 for interim appointments to serve an unexpired term

18 Section 3 Section 1902 of the act amended May 31 1956 (P L
19 1915) is amended by adding at the end thereof a new clause to read

1 Section 1902 Mines The Department of Mines and Mineral
2 Industries shall have the power and its duty shall be

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4 (f) To administer the oil and gas conservation laws through the
5 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

6 Section 4 The act is amended by adding after section 1906 a new
7 section to read

8 Section 1907 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission The Oil and
9 Gas Conservation Commission shall exercise the powers and perform
10 the duties by law vested in and imposed upon said commission

11 Section 5 This act shall take effect immediately

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