

No. 14

AN ACT

SB 344

Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 1019), entitled "An act relating to statutory laws; prescribing an enacting clause for statutes; fixing the effective date and time of statutes hereafter enacted; providing for notice of application for local and special legislation, for the correction of errors in statutes, and for the printing and publication of statutes; prescribing rules for the interpretation of statutes; defining certain words and phrases when used in statutes; and prescribing rules for the construction and operation of amendments, re-enactments and repeals of statutes," eliminating marginal notes from the laws and authorizing the underscoring of words in lieu of printing new matter in italics.

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

Section 1. Sections 22 and 71, act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 1019), known as the "Statutory Construction Act," are amended to read:

Section 22. Preparation of Laws for Printing.—The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall, as soon as any bill becomes a law, prepare the same for printing, [affix thereto proper marginal notes stating the purport of each paragraph or section if the law contains no section headings,] cause the same to be printed immediately, and collate with and correct the proof sheets by the original rolls. He shall also have the laws printed and indexed in book form as early as possible succeeding each session of the Legislature, for distribution in accordance with law.

Section 71. Printing and Interpretation of Amendatory Laws.—The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall, in printing amendatory laws, cause to be printed the section or part of the law only as re-enacted. In the section or part of the law re-enacted, the secretary shall cause to be printed between brackets, the words, phrases, or provisions of the existing law, if any, which have been stricken out or eliminated by the adoption of the amendment, and he shall cause to be printed in italics or with underscoring all new words, phrases or provisions, if any, which have been inserted into or added to the law by the passage of such amendment.

In ascertaining the correct reading, status and interpretation of an amendatory law, the matter inserted within brackets shall be omitted, and the matter in italics or underscored shall be read and interpreted as part of the law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of April, A. D. 1965.

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