

No. 35
AN ACT

Relating to interstate cooperation; creating the Pennsylvania Commission on Interstate Cooperation, as well as committees on interstate cooperation of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; defining the powers and duties of said commission and of said committees; and imposing duties on the Governor and the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That there is hereby established the Pennsylvania Commission on Interstate Cooperation, which shall encourage and arrange conferences with officials of other states and of other units of government, carry forward the participation of this State as a member of the Council of State Governments both regionally and nationally, and formulate proposals for cooperation between this State and other states.

Pennsylvania
Commission on
Interstate
Cooperation
created.

Section 2. There is hereby established a Committee on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate to consist of five senators. The members and chairman of this committee shall be designated in the same manner as is customary in the case of the members and chairman of standing committees of the Senate. The Lieutenant Governor may serve as one of the five members of this committee.

Senate
Committee.

Section 3. There is hereby established a similar Committee on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Representatives, also to consist of five members, and the members and chairman of this committee shall be designated in the same manner as is customary in the case of the members and chairmen of standing committees of the House of Representatives.

House
Committee.

Section 4. The said Commission on Interstate Cooperation shall be composed of fifteen members, namely:

Membership
of the
commission.

The five members of the Committee on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate;

The five members of the Committee on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Representatives; and

Five officials of the State government named by the Governor, one of whom shall be designated by him as the chairman of the commission;

The Governor shall be an honorary member of the commission.

Section 5. The commission shall establish such committees, as it deems advisable, to conduct conferences and to formulate proposals concerning subjects of inter-governmental cooperation. Subject to the approval of the commission, the members of every such committee shall be appointed by the chairman of the commission. State officials who are not members of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation, may be appointed as members of any such committee, but at least one member of the commission shall be a member of every such committee. The commission may provide such rules as it considers

Commission
may establish
committees.

appropriate concerning the membership and the functioning of any committee which it establishes. The commission may provide for advisory boards for itself and for its various committees and for the service of private citizens on such boards.

Commission to report to Governor and to Legislature within 15 days after the convening of each regular session

Section 6. The commission shall report to the Governor and to the Legislature within fifteen days after the convening of each regular legislative session, and at such other times as it deems appropriate. Its members and the members of all committees, which it establishes, shall serve without compensation, but they shall be paid their necessary expenses in carrying out their obligations under this act. The commission may employ a secretary and a stenographer; it may incur such other expenses as may be necessary for the proper performance of its duties; and it may by contributions to the Council of State Governments participate with other states in maintaining the said council's regional and central secretariats and its other governmental services.

Senate and House committees to function during sessions of the Legislature.

Section 7. The said committee of the Senate and the said committee of the House of Representatives shall function during the regular sessions of the Legislature, and also during the interim periods between such sessions, their members shall serve until their successors are designated, and they shall respectively constitute the Senate and House Executive Committees of the American Legislators' Association for this State. The term of each administrative member of the commission shall extend until the next gubernatorial inauguration, and thereafter until his successor is appointed.

Terms of administrative members of commission.

Secretary of the Commonwealth to send copy of this act to the other states.

Section 8. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall forthwith communicate the text of this measure to the Governor, to the Senate, and to the House of Representatives of each of the other states of the Union, and memorialize each legislature, which has not already done so, to enact a law similar to this measure, thus establishing a similar commission with like duties and powers, and thus joining with this State in the common cause of reducing the burdens which are imposed upon the citizens of every state by governmental confusion, competition, and conflict.

Section 9. This act shall take effect immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 24th day of March, A. D. 1937.

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