

No. 459

AN ACT

Creating a joint legislative commission, to be known as the Joint State Government Commission; providing for the appointment of its members; and defining its powers and duties.

Commission

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint six members of the House, and the President pro tempore shall appoint five members of the Senate, who, together with the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall constitute a continuing joint legislative commission, to be known as the Joint State Government Commission. The members of the commission shall be appointed during each odd-numbered year, and shall continue as members of the commission until the first day of July of the next odd-numbered year. It shall be the duty of the commission to make studies for the use of the legislative branch of government, seeking to improve the administrative organization of the State Government, to eliminate waste and overlapping functions, to institute economies, to suggest ways and means of financing the Commonwealth upon a more scientific and equitable basis, to gather budget information for the use of the General Assembly, and to make such other studies and gather such other information as may be deemed useful to the General Assembly. Said commission shall organize by the selection of a chairman. The commission shall have power to employ such clerical assistance as may be deemed necessary. Said commission shall have power to call upon any department or agency of the State Government for such information as it deems pertinent to the studies in which it is engaged.

Duty.

Information.

Power to report findings and recommendations and draft legislation.

Section 2. Said commission shall have power to sit during the interim between legislative sessions, and shall, from time to time, report to the General Assembly such findings and recommendations accompanied with such drafts of legislation as it deems necessary for the information of and consideration by the General Assembly.

Vacancies.

Section 3. Any vacancies occurring in the membership of said commission shall be filled by appointments, by the Speaker or President pro tempore, of members of the House or Senate, as the case may be, to take the place of those persons whose membership in the House or Senate may have ceased.

Appropriation for expenses.

Section 4. Biennially an item of appropriation shall be inserted in the General Appropriation Bill to pay the expenses of the members of the commission constituted by this act, and for clerical hire and incidental expenses.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment. When effective.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1937.

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No. 460

AN ACT

Providing for the qualifications, examination, appointment, term of office, and removal of Anthracite Mine Inspectors; conferring powers and imposing duties in connection therewith upon the Governor, the Anthracite Mine Inspectors' Examining Board, the Department of Mines, and the courts; and imposing penalties.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Anthracite Mine Inspectors' Examining Board shall meet upon the call of the chairman thereof, at such times and places as the chairman shall designate, and at such times and places as the board may by rule designate.

Meetings of the Anthracite Mine Inspectors' Examining Board.

Section 2. The said examining board shall prepare questions and formulate rules to be used in conducting and governing the examinations given to applicants for the office of anthracite mine inspector. The members of the board, upon assuming office, shall each take and subscribe to, before any officer authorized to administer the same, the following oath, namely—

“I do solemnly swear that I will perform the duties of examiner of applicants for the office of mine inspector to the best of my ability, and that in recommending or rejecting said applicants I will be governed by the evidence of their qualifications to fill the position, and not by any consideration of political or personal favor, and that I will certify all applicants who may be found qualified, and no others, according to the true intent and meaning of the law.”

Oath of office of members of Anthracite Mine Inspectors' Examining Board.

The oaths of the members of the examining board shall be filed in the Department of Mines.

Filed in Department of Mines.

Section 3. Public notice of an examination shall be given at least two weeks prior thereto in a newspaper published in each of the following counties: Luzerne, Lackawanna, Schuylkill, and Northumberland. The board shall meet at the time and place set forth in said notice, and examine the applicants for the office of anthracite mine inspector. The qualifications of applicants shall be certified to the board, and be as follows:

Public notice of examination.

(a) They shall be citizens of this Commonwealth and residents of the anthracite region, of temperate habits, of good repute, of personal integrity, in good physical condition, and not under thirty or over fifty years of age.

Qualifications for anthracite mine inspector.