

No. 544

## AN ACT

To amend sections one and four of the act, approved the ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (Act Number, 11), entitled "A joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a commission to make a fair and impartial investigation of the general practice and procedure in the courts of oyer and terminer, general jail delivery and quarter sessions of the peace, in the various counties of the Commonwealth, and the Municipal Court in the City and County of Philadelphia, with special reference to the prosecution, trial and disposition of all criminal cases and the probation and parole of persons guilty of crime; conferring upon the commission full power to issue subpoenas; requiring the commission, if possible, to make a report of its findings to the present session of the General Assembly, together with its recommendations as to such legislation as may be necessary or desirable, otherwise, to make such report and recommendations to the Governor; authorizing the commission to employ counsel and employes; and making an appropriation," by empowering the commission to sit after the adjournment of the General Assembly; and increasing the amount of the appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That sections one and four of the act, approved the ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (Act Number, 11), entitled "A joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a commission to make a fair and impartial investigation of the general practice and procedure in the courts of oyer and terminer, general jail delivery and quarter sessions of the peace, in the various counties of the Commonwealth, and the Municipal Court in the City and County of Philadelphia, with special reference to the prosecution, trial and disposition of all criminal cases and the probation and parole of persons guilty of crime; conferring upon the commission full power to issue subpoenas; requiring the commission, if possible, to make a report of its findings to the present session of the General Assembly, together with its recommendations as to such legislation as may be necessary or desirable, otherwise, to make such report and recommendations to the Governor; authorizing the commission to employ counsel and employes; and making an appropriation," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it resolved, &c., That there is hereby created a commission, which shall be composed of four Senators to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated chairman, and four members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker thereof, whose duty it shall be to make a careful, thorough and impartial investigation of the general practice and procedure in the courts of quarter sessions of the peace, oyer and terminer, and general jail delivery, in the various counties of the Commonwealth, and the Munic-

Sections 1 and 4  
act of March 9,  
1937 (Act No.  
11), amended.

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ipal Court in the City and County of Philadelphia, with special reference to the prosecution, trial and disposition of all criminal cases and the probation and parole of persons guilty of crime, to ascertain whether or not such practices are being exercised in accordance with the spirit and letter of the law, and to report to the General Assembly at this session, as early as possible, its findings and its recommendations as to such changes, revisions or improvements as it may find to be necessary or desirable to correct any imperfections, insufficiencies, and defects in the laws, and to correct any abuses and evils in the aforesaid practice and procedure in the aforesaid courts, or any of them: Provided, however, That if the commission is unable to complete its investigation during the current session of the General Assembly, *it shall have power to sit and continue its investigations after the adjournment of the current session,* [then it] *and it shall then make its report and recommendations to the Governor.*

Proviso.

Report.

\$50,000 appropriated for the expenses of the commission.

Section 4. The sum of [twenty-five] *fifty* thousand dollars [(\$25,000)] (*\$50,000*), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the commission for the payment of the expenses of the members, and for the payment of the compensation and expenses of counsel, experts, clerks, and assistants of the commission; for postage, telegraph and telephone charges; for the use of automobiles; for witness fees allowed by the commission; for supplies and printing; and for all other expenses deemed necessary and proper by the commission.

When effective.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 2d day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 545

AN ACT

To amend sections two and four of the joint resolution, approved the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Act Number, one hundred twenty-seven), entitled "A joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a commission to make a thorough and impartial investigation into the operation of the oil industry in this Commonwealth with special reference to the adequate, efficient and economical supplying of lubricating oils and gasoline to the people of this Commonwealth; conferring upon the commission full power to issue subpoenas; requiring the commission to make a report of its findings to the Governor, together with its recommendations as to such regulatory legislation as may be needful to correct any abuses and evils connected with such in-