

## No. 409

## AN ACT

Creating two districts in the Commonwealth for the administration of the State penal and correctional institutions; and repealing certain acts or parts of acts.

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

Section 1. For the more convenient administration of the State penal and correctional institutions, the Commonwealth shall be divided into two districts, known as the Western District and the Eastern District.

Section 2. The counties of Fayette, Greene, Washington, Allegheny, Westmoreland, Somerset, Bedford, Huntingdon, Blair, Clarion, Elk, Forest, Centre, Mifflin, Clearfield, McKean, Potter, Jefferson, Cambria, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler, Beaver, Mercer, Crawford, Venango, Erie, Warren, Lawrence, Cameron, Clinton, Juniata and Fulton shall compose the Western District, and the residue of the State shall compose the Eastern District.

Section 3. The following acts and parts of acts are hereby repealed as respectively indicated:

Section one of the act, approved the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred twenty-six (Pamphlet Laws 280), entitled "An act relative to the state penitentiary in the county of Allegheny," absolutely.

Section five of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred fifty (Pamphlet Laws 277), entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled 'An act erecting parts of Beaver and Mercer counties into a separate county, to be called Lawrence,' approved the twentieth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine," absolutely.

The act, approved the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred seventy-one (Pamphlet Laws 293), entitled "An act in relation to the allotment of prisoners to the Eastern and Western penitentiaries," absolutely.

APPROVED—The 29th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

## No. 410

## AN ACT

Creating certain penal and correctional institutions and boards of trustees; abolishing certain penal institutions; imposing duties upon the Commissioner of Correction of the Department of Justice; and providing for the costs of transportation and maintenance of inmates.

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

Penal institutions.

Western and Eastern Districts created in Commonwealth for administration of State penal and correctional institutions.

Counties composing Western District.

Counties composing Eastern District.

Acts and parts of acts repealed.

Section 1, act of April 10, 1826, P. L. 280.

Section 5, act of March 25, 1850, P. L. 277.

Act of April 27, 1871, P. L. 293.

Penal institutions.

Certain penal and correctional institutions and boards of trustees created.

Section 1. There are hereby created, as departmental administrative boards in the Department of Justice, new boards of trustees which shall have general direction and control of the property and management, as provided by The Administrative Code, the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), as amended, of certain institutions which the Department of Justice is hereby specifically authorized to establish:

(a) The Board of Trustees of the State Penitentiary at Rockview;

(b) The Board of Trustees of the State Penitentiary at Graterford; and

(c) The Board of Trustees of the State Penitentiary at Huntingdon.

Commissioner of Correction of Department of Justice to formulate State-wide plan of operation of penal institutions.

Section 2. The Commissioner of Correction of the Department of Justice shall formulate a State-wide plan of operation of the penal and correctional institutions within the Department of Justice. The Eastern and Western State Penitentiaries shall be maximum security institutions and the State Penitentiaries at Rockview, Graterford and Huntingdon shall be used for maximum, medium and minimum security institutions, as the Commissioner of Correction shall designate by such plan: Provided, however, That each institution shall have a separate warden or superintendent, and the practice of having branch institutions shall be abolished.

Maximum security institutions.

Maximum, medium and minimum security institutions.

Proviso.

Persons to be received and cared for in newly established institutions.

Section 3. Each of the institutions hereby authorized, when established, shall receive and care for those persons assigned or transferred thereto by the Deputy Commissioner for Treatment of the Department of Justice in accordance with law.

Costs of transportation and maintenance.

Section 4. The costs of transporting persons to and from the institutions hereby authorized and the costs of their maintenance therein shall be borne by the Commonwealth and the several counties to the extent and in the manner now provided by law.

Effective date.

Section 5. This act shall become effective, as to each institution and its board of trustees herein provided for, upon the date fixed by the Governor in a proclamation pertaining to that institution.

Act of May 15, 1945, P. L. 571, repealed.

Section 6. The act, approved the fifteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 571), is hereby repealed, which repeal shall become effective, as to each institution and its board of trustees, upon the date fixed by the Governor in a proclamation pertaining to that institution.

Effective date of repeal.

APPROVED—The 29th day of July, A. D. 1953.

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