

such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provisions not been included therein.

Section 21. All acts and parts of acts are repealed in so far as inconsistent herewith.

Inconsistent acts  
repealed.

APPROVED—The 15th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 535

AN ACT

Amending the act of July one, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2460), entitled "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," further providing for membership of the commission, its chairman and executive committee, and the powers and duties of the commission, and providing for the scheduling of its meetings; imposing powers and duties on standing committees of the General Assembly.

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

Section 1. The title, act of July one, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2460), entitled "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," is amended to read:

Title, act of  
July 1, 1937,  
P. L. 2460,  
amended.

AN ACT

Title.

Creating a joint legislative commission, to be known as the Joint State Government Commission; providing for [the appointment of its members and] *its membership, chairman and executive committee*; defining its powers and duties; *and defining the powers and duties of standing committees of the General Assembly.*

Section 2. Section one of the act, amended March eight, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws thirteen), is amended to read:

Section 1, act of  
July 1, 1937,  
P. L. 2460,  
amended March  
8, 1943, P. L.  
13, further  
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the [Speaker of] *entire membership of the House of Representatives* [shall appoint twelve members of the House and the President pro tempore shall appoint twelve members of] *and the entire membership of the Senate* [who together with the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker

Joint State  
Government  
Commission.

Members of  
executive  
committee.

Chairman.

Powers of  
commission.

Time of or-  
ganization of  
commission and  
executive  
committee.

Meetings.

Section 2, act of  
July 1, 1937,  
P. L. 2460,  
amended June  
26, 1939, P. L.  
1084, further  
amended.

Powers and duties  
of the com-  
mission.

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 February of the next odd-numbered year, and until their respective successors shall be appointed. Said] *The President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of each house, the majority and minority whips of each house, and the chairman of the majority and minority caucuses of each house, shall constitute the executive committee of the commission.* The commission shall organize by the selection of a chairman *who shall be selected by the executive committee and who shall be ex officio a member of the executive committee without a vote.* The commission shall have power to employ a director and such professional, technical, clerical and other assistance as may be deemed necessary. [Said] *The 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.* [Said] *The commission shall also have the power to [designate members of the General Assembly to such subcommittees as it shall create, for the purpose of making investigations and studies, and to] designate persons, other than members of the General Assembly, to act in advisory capacities. The commission shall organize within thirty days after the final enactment of this act, and thereafter the executive committee shall hold the organization meeting within thirty days after the convening of the regular session of the General Assembly beginning with the regular session of 1957. Meetings of the commission shall be scheduled by the executive committee. The executive committee shall conduct the business of the commission and shall meet at the call of the chairman or upon written request of six or more members thereof.*

Section 3. Section two of the act, amended June twenty-six, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1084), is amended to read:

Section 2. [Said] *The commission shall have power and its duty shall be:*

(a) [To investigate departments, boards, commissions and officers of the State and local governments, and to study their legislative, financial and other problems.

(b) To make studies for the use of the legislative branch of the government, seeking to improve the administrative organization of the State and local governments, to eliminate waste and overlapping functions and to institute economies.

(c) To suggest ways and means of financing the Commonwealth upon a more scientific and equitable basis.

(d) To gather budget information for the use of the General Assembly.

(e) ] To make such [other] investigations and studies and to gather such [other] information as may be deemed useful to General Assembly *and to the standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.*

[(f)] (b) To sit during the interim between legislative sessions.

[(g)] (c) From time to time, to report to the General Assembly *or to the various standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives* such findings and recommendations accompanied with such drafts of legislation as it deems necessary for the information of and consideration by the General Assembly.

(d) *To furnish such technical staff services as shall be requested by the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives during regular or special sessions of the General Assembly.*

Section 4. Section three of the act is amended to read:

Section 3, act of July 1, 1937, P. L. 2460, amended.

Section 3. [Any vacancies occurring in the membership of said commissions 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.]

*The commission shall undertake, through the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, such studies and investigations as the General Assembly by resolution shall direct.*

Studies and investigations.

*When a study or investigation is to be made, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate the appropriate standing committee of House and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall designate the appropriate standing committee of the Senate, to make such study or investigation. These two standing committees, when so designated, shall constitute a joint study committee of the commission for such purpose.*

Joint study committee.

*During the interim between sessions of the General Assembly, each joint study committee assigned to make a study shall meet at the call of the chairman of the commission or at the joint call of the chairman of the designated standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.*

Meeting of joint study committees.

Section 4, act of July 1, 1937, P. L. 2460, amended March 8, 1943, P. L. 13, further amended.

Appropriation for expenses.

Section 5. Section four of the act, amended March eight, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws 13), is amended to read:

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 as constituted by this act, and for the salary of the director, clerical and other hire and incidental expenses. *No member of the commission shall receive any remuneration, salary or expenses as a member of the commission other than remuneration, salary and expenses as a member of the General Assembly and travelling expenses incurred upon the business of the commission or its study committees.*

Section 6. Said act is amended by adding, after section four, a new section to read:

Act of July 1, 1937, P. L. 2460, amended by adding a new section 5.

*Section 5. For the purposes of this act, the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives shall continue during the interim between sessions.*

APPROVED—The 15th day of May, A. D. 1956.

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No. 536

AN ACT

Authorizing a loan and transferring money from the Motor License Fund to the General Fund and providing for the subsequent return from the General Fund of the borrowed money.

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

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article IX., Section 18 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized, after the effective date of this act, to arrange a loan for the Commonwealth from the Motor License Fund in the sum of seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000), or any part thereof, and transfer such money upon warrant of the Auditor General and requisition of the Governor to the General Fund.

The purpose of this loan and transfer is to provide funds for the payment of ordinary and usual expenses of the State government or any general appropriation bill, and the money so borrowed shall be used for these purposes and no other.

Section 2. The moneys loaned and transferred from the Motor License Fund to the General Fund shall be