

Meeting of study
committees.

During the interim between *regular* sessions of the General Assembly *which convene in odd-numbered years*, 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.

Section 4. [Biennially an] *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 5. For the purposes of this act, the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives shall continue during the interim between sessions *convening in odd-numbered years*.

Act effective
immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 8th day of December, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 647

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 29, 1935 (P. L. 244), entitled "An act creating a Local Government Commission to study and report on functions of local government; their allocation and elimination; the cost of local government and means of reducing it; and the consolidation of local government; and making an appropriation," clarifying certain provisions relating to the terms of the members and the powers of the Local Government Commission.

Local Govern-
ment Commis-
sion.

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

Sections 1 and 7,
act of May 29,
1935, P. L. 244,
amended June 4,
1951, P. L. 514,
further amended.

Section 1. Sections 1 and 7, act of May 29, 1935 (P. L. 244), entitled "An act creating a Local Government Commission to study and report on functions of local government; their allocation and elimination; the cost of local government and means of reducing it; and the consolidation of local government; and making an appropriation," amended June 4, 1951 (P. L. 514), are amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That a commission is hereby created which shall consist of ten members to serve without compensation, five of whom shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, and five shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The commission shall be known as the "Local Government Commission." The term of each member of the commission shall run from the date of his respective appointment until the end of the next regular session of the General Assembly *in odd numbered years* and until his successor is appointed and qualified. After the close of each regular session of the General Assembly *in odd numbered years*, the President pro tempore and the Speaker shall make the appointments authorized by this section. Any vacancy happening in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the appointing power making the original appointment for the unexpired term. The commission shall organize as soon as may be after the close of each regular session of the General Assembly *in odd numbered years*, at the call of the President pro tempore of the Senate, by electing a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary. The secretary need not be a member of the commission.

Local Government Commission created.

Term of office.

Filling vacancies.

Organization of commission.

Section 7. Any [biennial] appropriation to the commission shall be used in accordance with the purposes, if any, expressed in the appropriation act and for the payment of the expenses of the members of the commission; for the compensation and expenses of the secretary and other appointees of the commission; for printing; for postage, supplies, telephone, telegraph, rent, and miscellaneous expenses; and generally for the purposes of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

Expenditure of any appropriation made to commission.

APPROVED—The 8th day of December, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 648

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 12, 1951 (P. L. 533), entitled "An act relating to mental health, including mental illness, mental defect, epilepsy and inebriety; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," changing requirements for admission or detention of certain patients, further regulating the payment of costs for the care of such patients, and limiting liability for such payment.

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

The Mental Health Act of 1951.