

fairs, approved eleventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, relative to the management of said office," is repealed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 187

AN ACT

SB 1539

Repealing the act of May 8, 1876 (P. L. 143), entitled "A further supplement to an act regulating the election of secretary of internal affairs, defining his duties and fixing his salary, approved the eleventh day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four."

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

Section 1. The act of May 8, 1876 (P. L. 143), entitled "A further supplement to an act regulating the election of secretary of internal affairs, defining his duties and fixing his salary, approved the eleventh day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four," is repealed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 188

AN ACT

SB 1540

Amending the act of April 20, 1921 (P. L. 193), entitled "An act establishing a Bureau of Statistics and Information in the Department of Internal Affairs; providing for the appointment of officers and employes, and providing for the fixing of their duties, powers, and compensation; making it the duty of the Secretary of Internal Affairs to furnish statistical data provided for in this act to the heads of the State Government for the use of their departments, upon requisition; making it the duty of persons, associations, copartnerships, corporations, and municipal and other public officers to furnish information required; prescribing penalties for violation of such duty; and repealing certain acts," transferring jurisdiction, duties and functions, together with personnel, allocations, funds, records, appropriations and equipment relating thereto from the Department of Internal Affairs to the Department of Commerce.

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

Section 1. The Title and sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, act of April 20, 1921 (P. L. 193), entitled "An act establishing a Bureau of Statistics and Information in the Department of Internal Affairs; providing for the appointment of officers and employes, and providing for the fixing of their duties, powers, and compensation; making it the duty of the Secretary of Internal Affairs to furnish statistical data provided for in this act to the heads of the State Government for the use of their departments, upon requisition; making it the duty of persons, associations, copartnerships, corporations, and municipal and other public officers to furnish information required; prescribing penalties for violation of such duty; and repealing certain acts," are amended to read:

AN ACT

Establishing a Bureau of Statistics and Information in the Department of [Internal Affairs] Commerce; providing for the appointment of officers and employes, and providing for the fixing of their duties, powers, and compensation; making it the duty of the Secretary of [Internal Affairs] Commerce to furnish statistical data provided for in this act to the heads of the State Government for the use of their departments, upon requisition; making it the duty of persons, associations, copartnerships, corporations, and municipal and other public officers to furnish information required; prescribing penalties for violation of such duty; and repealing certain acts.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., [That, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, there] There is hereby established, within the Department of [Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth] Commerce a Bureau of Statistics [and Information].

Section 2. The Secretary of [Internal Affairs] Commerce is authorized to appoint a chief of said bureau and such other officers and employes as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, to prescribe their duties. [, and fix their compensation] He may also use temporarily any clerks or employes of the Department of [Internal Affairs] Commerce in the bureau as occasion may require.

Section 3. The bureau shall collect, compile, and publish all statistics and useful data and information relating to labor, coal mining, oil and gas production, manufacturing industries, commercial operations, public service companies, municipalities, maritime inter-

¹ "person" in original.

ests, and other business of the State; and, in order to facilitate the duties herein imposed, all persons, associations, copartnerships, and corporations, engaged as herein described within this Commonwealth, and municipal and other public officers, are hereby required to furnish such statistical information as the Secretary of [Internal Affairs] Commerce or the chief of such bureau may require. The Secretary of [Internal Affairs] Commerce shall have a complete, summarized, and systematized report of the statistics and information collected and compiled by the bureau published annually, and shall otherwise provide means for making such information available for the use and benefit of the public as he may find necessary.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of [Internal Affairs] Commerce to furnish statistical data and information to the heads of the State Government, for the use of their respective departments, upon the subjects mentioned in this act, upon requisition made in appropriate form, as promptly and completely as practicable, that unnecessary duplication of the gathering of statistics and information may be avoided.

Section 5. The Secretary of [Internal Affairs,] Commerce, the chief of said bureau, or other person duly authorized by either of them, shall have power to issue subpoenas, administer oaths, hold hearings, and take testimony in all matters relating to the duties herein required of said bureau. Any person, association, copartnership, or corporation, doing business within the Commonwealth, or municipal or other public officer, who shall neglect or refuse, for thirty days, to answer questions requested by circular, official blanks, or personal application, designed to secure the data and information required to be furnished by this act, or who shall refuse to obey the subpoena and give testimony according to the provisions of this act, shall be liable to a penalty of two hundred dollars, to be collected by the Secretary of [Internal Affairs] Commerce in a proper action for the use of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. All personnel, appropriations, allocations, contracts, agreements, equipment, files, obligations and other material which relates to the Bureau of Statistics as administered under the act of April 20, 1921 (P. L. 193) and the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," are hereby transferred to the Department of Commerce from the Department of Internal Affairs.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.