

No. 9

AN ACT

SB 246

Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 1019), entitled "An act relating to statutory laws; prescribing an enacting clause for statutes; fixing the effective date and time of statutes hereafter enacted; providing for notice of application for local and special legislation, for the correction of errors in statutes, and for the printing and publication of statutes; prescribing rules for the interpretation of statutes; defining certain words and phrases when used in statutes; and prescribing rules for the construction and operation of amendments, re-enactments and repeals of statutes," transferring certain powers and duties relating to the printing of laws from the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau and making repeals in connection therewith.

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

Section 1. Section 22, act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 1019), known as the "Statutory Construction Act," amended April 20, 1965 (P. L. 17), is amended to read:

Section 22. Preparation of Laws for Printing.—The [**Secretary of the Commonwealth**] *Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau* shall, as soon as any bill becomes a law, prepare the same for printing, cause the same to be printed immediately, and collate with and correct the proof sheets by the original rolls. He shall also have the laws printed and indexed in book form as early as possible succeeding each session of the Legislature, for distribution in accordance with law.

Section 2. Section 23 of the act, amended May 27, 1953 (P. L. 240), is amended to read:

Section 23. Correction of Errors in Laws.—Where any law shall have been finally enacted and it shall be ascertained that such law is technically defective in form, or contains misspelled words or typographical errors, or the plural or singular number, or the past, present or future tense appears where another should be used, or where a word clearly intended to be inserted has been omitted, or where a word clearly should have been omitted, or where a word is correctly spelled but it clearly appears that another word was intended, the [**Secretary of the Commonwealth**] *Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau*, in punctuating and editing such law, shall have authority, with the approval of the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, and [**the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau,**] *Secretary of the Commonwealth* to correct the original copy of such law, as filed in the Department of State, if such correction will not in any manner affect or change the meaning, intent or substance of such law.

Whenever any such correction on any law is made, a notation thereof shall be made on the original copy by the [**Secretary of the Commonwealth**]

Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, together with his signature, followed by the approval and signatures of the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, **[and the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau]** *and the Secretary of the Commonwealth*.

A notation of such corrections shall also be printed in the pamphlet laws as footnotes to the laws on which the corrections were made.

Section 3. Section 25 of the act is amended to read:

Section 25. General and Appropriation Laws to Be Printed Separately.—The general laws passed at each regular session of the Legislature shall be printed separately and apart from those containing solely an appropriation. The **[Secretary of the Commonwealth]** *Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau* shall be the sole judge of such separation. The number of copies of the general laws and of the appropriation laws to be printed, and the distribution thereof, shall remain as is now or may hereafter be provided by law.

Section 4. Section 71 of the act, amended April 20, 1965 (P. L. 17), is amended to read:

Section 71. Printing and Interpretation of Amendatory Laws.—The **[Secretary of the Commonwealth]** *Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau* shall, in printing amendatory laws, cause to be printed the section or part of the law only as re-enacted. In the section or part of the law re-enacted, the **[secretary]** *director* shall cause to be printed between brackets, the words, phrases, or provisions of the existing law, if any, which have been stricken out or eliminated by the adoption of the amendment, and he shall cause to be printed in italics or with underscoring all new words, phrases or provisions, if any, which have been inserted into or added to the law by the passage of such amendment.

In ascertaining the correct reading, status and interpretation of an amendatory law, the matter inserted within brackets shall be omitted, and the matter in italics or underscored shall be read and interpreted as part of the law.

Section 5. Clause (b) of section 804, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is repealed.

Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to all statutes enacted in 1969 and thereafter.

APPROVED—The 25th day of April, A. D. 1969.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph P. Kelly II". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.