

## No. 146

## AN ACT

## SB 1223

Amending the act of March 31, 1937 (P.L.160, No.43), entitled "An act creating a commission to be known as the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; defining in part the powers and duties of such commission; abolishing The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, terminating the terms of the members thereof, and transferring to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the records, employes, property, and equipment of The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to appear in and complete all pending proceedings, legal or otherwise, instituted before, by or against The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; providing that all certificates of public convenience, contracts, orders, and rules and regulations of the latter commission shall remain effective until repealed, changed or modified by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and transferring and appropriating to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission any unexpended balance of any existing appropriation to The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," further providing for hearing and investigative procedures.

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

Section 1. Section 6, act of March 31, 1937 (P.L.160, No.43), entitled "An act creating a commission to be known as the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; defining in part the powers and duties of such commission; abolishing The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, terminating the terms of the members thereof, and transferring to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the records, employes, property, and equipment of The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to appear in and complete all pending proceedings, legal or otherwise, instituted before, by or against The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; providing that all certificates of public convenience, contracts, orders, and rules and regulations of the latter commission shall remain effective until repealed, changed or modified by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and transferring and appropriating to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission any unexpended balance of any existing appropriation to The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 6. \* \* \*

***(d) In addition to any cross-examination by counsel as provided in section 9.1 of this act, any member of the commission staff who participates in the analysis, review and conclusions in any proceedings before the commission may, in the discretion of commission counsel and with the***

*consent of the presiding officer, cross-examine any witness presented by the parties to the proceeding at the public hearing.*

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A. D. 1976.

MILTON J. SHAPP