

frequently caused by the mining of anthracite coal; directing such commission to make a report and recommendations to the General Assembly; conferring certain powers upon such commission, including the power to issue subpoenas, administer oaths and affirmations, retain employes and expend funds, and making an appropriation," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created a commission which shall be composed of five members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President pro tempore thereof, and five members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker thereof, to be known as the Anthracite Subsidence Commission.

It shall be the duty of such commission—

(1) To investigate the problem of surface subsidence in the anthracite coal area with respect to its effect on property and human life;

Duties of commission enumerated.

(2) To engage in any research necessary to discover effective remedies for the anthracite mine cave problem;

(3) To study decisions of the State and Federal courts relating to the constitutionality and effect of earlier legislation relating to surface subsidence caused by mining; and

(4) To make recommendations as to legislation which might be enacted by the General Assembly for the effective regulation and control of anthracite mining and surface subsidence.

The commission shall make its report to the General Assembly not later than the [first day of February] *fifteenth day of March*, one thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

Commission to report to General Assembly.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of February, A. D. 1943.

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No. 4

AN ACT

To further amend section one, and to amend section four of the act, approved the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, two thousand four hundred sixty), 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," changing the number of members, and providing further for the terms thereof, and further defining its powers and duties and amplifying the provisions relating to appropriations.

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

Commission.

Section 1. Section one of the act, approved the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, two thousand four hundred sixty), 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," as amended by the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand eighty-four), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Duty.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint [ten] *twelve* members of the House and the President pro tempore shall appoint [seven] *twelve* members of the Senate who together with the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker 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 commission shall organize by the selection of a chairman. The commission shall have power to employ *a director and such professional, technical, clerical and other assistance as may be deemed necessary.* Said 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 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.*

Information.

Section 2. Section four of said act, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Appropriation for expenses.

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 constituted by this act, and for *the salary of the director, clerical and other hire and incidental expenses.*

Act effective immediately.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 8th day of March, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN