

## No. 10

## AN ACT

Amending the act of July 12, 1935 (P. L. 677), entitled "An act to fix the status of officers and employes of the Commonwealth and political subdivisions thereof while in training with the armed forces of the United States," including members of the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

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

Section 1. Section 1, act of July 12, 1935 (P. L. 677), entitled "An act to fix the status of officers and employes of the Commonwealth and political subdivisions thereof while in training with the armed forces of the United States," amended March 19, 1956 (P. L. 1300), is amended to read:

Section 1, act of July 12, 1935, P. L. 677, amended March 19, 1956, P. L. 1300, further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all officers and employes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or of any political subdivision thereof, members, either enlisted or commissioned, of any reserve component of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, [or] Air Force, or *Coast Guard*, shall be entitled to leave of absence from their respective duties without loss of pay, time, or efficiency rating on all days not exceeding fifteen in any one year during which they shall, as members of such reserve components, be engaged in the active service of the United States or in field training ordered or authorized by the Federal forces.

Officers and employes of the Commonwealth or political subdivision.

Member of United States armed forces.

Leave of absence.

APPROVED—The 26th day of March, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

## No. 11

## AN ACT

Reenacting and amending the act of July 7, 1955 (P. L. 256), entitled "An act creating a temporary advisory commission to examine, report upon and recommend reorganizations of agencies and functions of the State government; prescribing its powers and duties; directing cooperation of governmental agencies; and authorizing the issuance of subpoenas," reactivating and extending the life of the commission.

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

Section 1. The act of July 7, 1955 (P. L. 256), entitled "An act creating a temporary advisory commission to examine, report upon and recommend reorganizations of agencies and functions of the State government;

Act of July 7, 1955, P. L. 256, reenacted and amended.

prescribing its powers and duties; directing cooperation of governmental agencies; and authorizing the issuance of subpoenas," is reenacted and amended to read:

Policy.

Section 1. Declaration of Policy.—It is hereby declared to be the policy of the General Assembly to promote economy, efficiency and improved service in the transaction of the public business in the departments, bureaus, agencies, boards, commissions, offices, independent establishments and instrumentalities of the executive branch of the government by—

- (1) recommending methods and procedures for reducing expenditures to the lowest amount consistent with the efficient performance of essential services, activities and functions,
- (2) eliminating duplication and overlapping of services, activities and functions,
- (3) consolidating services, activities and functions of a similar nature,
- (4) abolishing services, activities and functions not necessary to the efficient conduct of government,
- (5) eliminating nonessential services, functions and activities which are competitive with private enterprise,
- (6) defining responsibilities of officials and
- (7) relocating agencies now responsible directly to the Governor in departments or other agencies.

Establishment of the Commission on Governmental Reorganization.

Section 2. Establishment of the Commission on Governmental Reorganization.—For the purpose of carrying out the policy set forth in section one of this act there is hereby established a commission to be known as the Commission on Governmental Reorganization, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

Membership of the Commission.

Section 3. Membership of the Commission.—(a) Number and Appointment. The Commission shall be composed of twelve (12) members all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor.

(b) Vacancies. Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

Organization of the Commission.

Section 4. Organization of the Commission.—The Commission shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members.

Quorum.

Section 5. Quorum.—Seven (7) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

Reimbursement of expenses of Members of Commission.

Section 6. Expenses of Members of the Commission.—All members of the Commission shall receive reimbursement for travel, subsistence and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of such duties.

Section 7. Staff of the Commission.—(a) The Commission shall have power to appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as it deems advisable without regard to the provisions of the civil service laws and the classification laws.

Staff of the  
Commission.

(b) The Commission may procure without regard to the civil service laws and the classification laws temporary and intermittent services.

Section 8. Duties of the Commission.—(a) Investigation. The Commission shall study and investigate the present organization and methods of operation of all departments, bureaus, agencies, boards, commissions, offices, independent establishments and instrumentalities of the government, except the Judiciary and the General Assembly, to determine what changes therein are necessary in their opinion to accomplish the purposes set forth in section one of this act.

Duties of the  
Commission.

(b) Report. The Commission shall submit interim reports at such time or times as the Commission deems necessary and shall submit its final report to the General Assembly on or before the thirty-first day of [December, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six] *May, one thousand nine hundred fifty-seven*, at which date the Commission shall cease to exist. The final Report of the Commission may propose such constitutional amendments, legislative enactments and administrative actions as in its judgment are necessary to carry out its recommendations.

Section 9. Powers of the Commission.—(a) Hearings and Sessions. The Commission, or on the authorization of the Commission any sub-committee or member thereof, may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, hold such hearings and sit and act at such times and places, administer such oaths and require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers and documents as the Commission or such subcommittee or member may deem advisable. Subpoenas may be issued under the signature of the Chairman of the Commission of such subcommittee or any duly designated member and may be served by any person designated by such Chairman or member.

Powers of the  
Commission.

(b) Obtaining Official Data.—The Commission is authorized to secure directly from any executive department, bureau, agency, board, commission, office, independent establishment or instrumentality information, suggestions, estimates and statistics for the purpose of this act and each such department, bureau, agency, board, commission, office, establishment or instrumentality is authorized and directed to furnish such information, suggestions, estimates and statistics directly to the

Commission upon request made by the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

Effective date. Section 10. Effective Date.—The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Reactivation of the Commission. Section 2. The Commission on Governmental Reorganization provided for by the foregoing act is reactivated.

Act effective immediately. Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 26th day of March, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 12

### AN ACT

Amending the act of May 2, 1949 (P. L. 873), entitled, as amended, "An act requiring that the results of all local option referenda in political subdivisions be certified to the Bureau of Municipal Affairs by county boards of elections; and requiring secretaries of political subdivisions to make certain reports to said bureau and to the county commissioners of the county in which the political subdivision is located," clarifying the provisions of the act as to its application in townships.

Elections, referenda and appointments.

Section 2, act of May 2, 1949, P. L. 873, amended August 19, 1953, P. L. 1076, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section 2, act of May 2, 1949 (P. L. 873), entitled, as amended, "An act requiring that the results of all local option referenda in political subdivisions be certified to the Bureau of Municipal Affairs by county boards of elections; and requiring secretaries of political subdivisions to make certain reports to said bureau and to the county commissioners of the county in which the political subdivision is located," amended August 19, 1953 (P. L. 1076), is amended to read:

Section 2. In January of each year, immediately after the first meeting of the governing body of each political subdivision, the secretary shall report to the Bureau of Municipal Affairs in the Department of Internal Affairs, on forms provided by the bureau, and to the county commissioners of the county in which the political subdivision is located, on forms provided by the county commissioners, the names of all sworn, elected and appointed officers within the political subdivision, and also a report on all annexation proceedings and change of classification affecting such political subdivision during the year immediately preceding. *The "sworn and appointed officers" referred to in this section shall not include constables and their deputies.*

APPROVED—The 26th day of March, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER