

pursuant to this act, may continue and the appropriate officer or employe under such optional plan shall be substituted for the officer or employe theretofore exercising or discharging the function, power or duty involved in such action or proceeding.

Section 626. All acts and parts of acts are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

Section 627. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of July, A. D. 1957.

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No. 400

AN ACT

Creating a temporary State commission to study the Constitution of the Commonwealth to recommend possible amendment or revision; prescribing the powers and duties of the Commission; and making an appropriation.

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

Commission on  
Constitutional  
Revision.

Section 1. A temporary State commission, to be known as the "Commission on Constitutional Revision," is hereby created. The commission shall consist of fifteen citizens of this Commonwealth, of whom five shall be appointed by the Governor, five shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and five shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

Creation and  
membership.

Section 2. The members of the commission shall elect from its membership a chairman and a vice-chairman. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

Officers and  
vacancies.

Section 3. The commission shall study the Constitution of the Commonwealth, as amended, in the light of contemporary conditions and the anticipated problems and needs of the people of the Commonwealth. If the commission finds change in the constitution advisable, it shall consider the best means of effecting such change. If the commission determines that the best means is by amendment, it shall so recommend and its report shall contain drafts of the proposed amendment or amendments. If the commission determines that the best means is by general revision, it shall collect, compile and analyze such information as it may deem useful to the delegates at a constitutional convention, and shall make any recommendations relating to the substance of revision as it may consider appropriate.

Duty of com-  
mission.

- Final report.** Section 4. The commission shall submit its final report to the Governor and the General Assembly not later than one week after the convening of the General Assembly in regular session in 1959.
- Powers.** Section 5. The commission is authorized to make any studies or analyses it may deem relevant through its own personnel or in cooperation with any public or private agency including universities, colleges, foundations and research organizations.
- Compensation and expenses.** Section 6. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.
- Personnel.** Section 7. The commission may employ, and at its pleasure remove, such personnel as it may deem necessary for the performance of its functions, and fix their compensation within the amounts made available by appropriation.
- Contracts.** Section 8. The commission is authorized to make and sign any agreements for research or otherwise, and to do and perform any acts that may be necessary, desirable or proper to carry out the purposes of this act.
- Meeting of commission.** Section 9. The commission may meet within and without the State, and may hold public or private hearings.
- Cooperation directed.** Section 10. The heads of the several departments, agencies, boards, commissions, authorities and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth and of the governmental subdivisions of the Commonwealth, are directed to cooperate with the commission with such facilities, assistance and data as may be necessary or desirable for the commission properly to carry out its functions under this act, and which will not interfere with the proper conduct of the respective departments, agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, instrumentalities and governmental subdivisions.
- Appropriation.** Section 11. The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the expenses of the commission in carrying into effect the provisions of this act. Payment from the appropriation shall be made on requisition of the chairman of the commission in the manner provided by law.
- Act effective immediately.** Section 12. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of July, A. D. 1957.

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