

AN ACT

HB 531

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," changing provisions relating to the effective date of certain laws.

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

Section 1. Section 4, act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 1019), known as the "Statutory Construction Act," amended June 1, 1967 (Act No. 17), is amended to read:

Section 4. **Effective Date and Time of Laws.**— [All laws hereafter enacted finally at a regular session of the Legislature, except laws making appropriations, and except laws affecting the budget of any political subdivision, shall be in full force and effect from and after the first day of September next following their final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the law itself, or if enacted finally after the first day of July of the year of the regular session, or after the date specified in the law, the same shall become effective sixty days after final enactment.] *Except as hereinafter provided all laws, enacted finally at any session of the Legislature, not containing a specified effective date, and laws enacted finally after the effective date therein specified shall become effective sixty days after final enactment.*

Appropriations, laws, or laws having appropriation items, enacted finally at [a regular] any session of the Legislature, shall be in full force and effect from and after the first day of July next following their final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the law itself, or unless any such appropriation law or law having an appropriation item is enacted finally after the first day of July in any year, *or after the date specified in the law*, in which case it shall be in full force and effect immediately upon final enactment.

Laws affecting the budget of any political subdivision, enacted finally at [a regular] any session of the Legislature, shall be in full force and effect *on the date specified in the law, or if finally enacted thereafter, or if no date is specified then* at the beginning of the fiscal year of the political subdivisions affected following the date of the final enactment of such law. [unless a different date is specified in the law itself.

All laws enacted finally at a special or extraordinary session of the

Legislature, shall be in full force and effect sixty days after final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the law itself.]

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 5th day of June, A. D. 1969.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 20.



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Secretary of the Commonwealth.