

## No. 76

## AN ACT

## HB 1911

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 177, No. 175), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," further providing for the civil service status of certain Workmen's Compensation Referees.

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

Section 1. Section 442, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 177, No. 175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended February 8, 1972 (P.L. 49, No. 13), is amended to read:

Section 442. Workmen's Compensation Referees.—There shall be, in the Department of Labor and Industry, as many Workmen's Compensation Referees, as, in the judgment of the Secretary of Labor and Industry, shall be necessary properly to administer the workmen's compensation laws of the Commonwealth. Such referees shall be appointed by and subject to the direction and control of the Secretary of Labor and Industry. The Secretary of Labor and Industry shall assign them to the various workmen's compensation districts, and shall prescribe from time to time the duties to be performed by them.

All positions as Workmen's Compensation Referees now existing or hereafter created shall be in the classified service in conformity with the act of August 5, 1941 (P.L. 752, No. 286), known as the "Civil Service Act": Provided, That persons occupying such positions on the day before the effective date of this amendment shall serve the maximum probationary period authorized by section 603 of the "Civil Service Act," beginning on effective date of this amendatory act: ***And provided further, That any handicapped person subsequently appointed to the position of a Workmen's Compensation Referee prior to October 15, 1972 shall serve the maximum probationary period authorized by section 603 of the "Civil Service Act" beginning on the date of his appointment.***

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive to April 10, 1972.

## Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

Harrisburg, May 3, 1974

I do certify that the above bill, entitled "An act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled 'An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined,' further providing for the civil service status of certain Workmen's Compensation Referees," was presented to the Governor on the twenty-second day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four, and was not returned within ten days after it had been presented to him, wherefore it has, agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, become a law in like manner as if he had signed it.

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