

No. 1981-7

## AN ACT

SB 405

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," providing for reimbursement by the Department of State to county boards of election for the costs incurred for special elections and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding a section to read:

***Section 803.1. Special Election Costs.—(a) The Department of State shall reimburse county boards of election for those additional costs incurred by the county for any special election held to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly. Only those costs which are attributable solely to the special election shall be reimbursed; however, reimbursement shall not be denied because the special election is held coincident with a general, municipal or primary election if the county can show that additional costs were incurred attributable solely to the special election.***

***(b) The department shall promulgate necessary regulations for the determination of reimbursable costs.***

Section 2. The sum of \$100,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of State for payment to county boards of election pursuant to section 803.1 for the actual expenses incurred by the boards in special elections occurring on and after March 31, 1981.

Section 3. So much of the appropriation as may be unexpended, uncommitted and unencumbered as of June 30, 1981 shall automatically lapse as of that date.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of April, A. D. 1981.

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