

No. 2005-17

## AN ACT

HB 398

Amending the act of December 10, 1968 (P.L.1158, No.365), entitled "An act creating and establishing the Legislative Data Processing Committee: providing for its membership; prescribing its powers, functions and duties; and making an appropriation," further providing for the establishment of the Legislative Data Processing Committee.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of the act of December 10, 1968 (P.L.1158, No.365), entitled "An act creating and establishing the Legislative Data Processing Committee: providing for its membership; prescribing its powers, functions and duties; and making an appropriation," amended May 7, 1998 (P.L.352, No.55), is amended to read:

Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the Legislative Data Processing Committee which shall consist of two senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, two senators appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, two representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. In addition to the members set forth herein, the Secretary of the Senate and the [Chief Clerk] *Parliamentarian* of the House of Representatives shall serve as nonvoting members of the committee. Members of the committee shall serve during each regular session of the General Assembly, and shall continue as members until the first Tuesday in January of the next odd-numbered year and until their respective successors shall qualify, provided they continue to be members of the Senate or the House of Representatives. The committee has a continuing existence and may meet and conduct its business at any place within the Commonwealth during the sessions of Legislature or any recess thereof and in the interim between sessions.

(b) Six members of the committee shall constitute a quorum and an affirmative vote of five members of the committee shall be necessary to pass on any matter requiring committee action.

(c) Nothing in this act or in any rules and regulations promulgated by the committee shall prohibit a member of the committee from participating in a meeting, executive session, deliberations or any other activity via telephone or other electronic medium.

(d) The committee shall adopt rules allowing for and governing the use of proxies by members of the committee, except that proxies may not be used to establish a quorum.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 5th day of July, A.D. 2005.

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