

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JANUARY 23, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," in organization of
21 departmental administrative boards and commissions and of
22 advisory boards and commissions, further providing for the
23 Environmental Quality Board.

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

26 Section 1. Section 471 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
27 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, amended
28 November 1, 1979 (P.L.251, No.83), is amended to read:

1 Section 471. Environmental Quality Board.--(a) The
2 Environmental Quality Board shall consist of the Secretary of
3 Environmental [Resources] Protection, who shall be chairman
4 thereof, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of [Commerce]
5 Community and Economic Development, the Secretary of
6 Transportation, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of
7 Labor and Industry, [the Secretary of Community Affairs,] the
8 Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission,
9 the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the
10 Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public [Utilities] Utility
11 Commission, the Executive Director of the State Planning Board,
12 the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
13 Commission, five members of the Citizens Advisory Council, and
14 four members of the General Assembly. The Citizens Advisory
15 Council members shall be designated by, and serve at the
16 pleasure of, the Citizens Advisory Council. One of the General
17 Assembly members shall be designated by, and serve at the
18 pleasure of, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one by the
19 Minority Leader of the Senate, one by the Speaker of the House
20 of Representatives and one by the Minority Leader of the House
21 of Representatives. In addition to the heads of the various
22 departments as elsewhere in this act provided, the other members
23 of the board may have named alternates to serve in their stead,
24 the alternates for the members of the board from the Citizens
25 Advisory Council to be selected by that council from members of
26 the council and each other alternate to be selected by that
27 particular member of the board in whose stead he is to serve. No
28 person will serve as alternate for more than one board member.

29 (b) Eight members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

30 (c) The Department of Environmental Protection shall appoint

1 a counsel to the board, who shall also serve as an independent
2 counsel to members of the board. The independent counsel shall
3 be compensated from the appropriation for the general government
4 operations of the Department of Environmental Protection. At the
5 discretion of the board, the independent counsel shall assist
6 members on all matters before the board, including, but not
7 limited to, the review of rulemaking petitions submitted to the
8 board, the drafting and development of amendments to proposed
9 and final rulemaking and advice relating to procedural matters.
10 All communication between the independent counsel and a board
11 member or the board shall be considered privileged and
12 confidential, and such privilege may be waived only by the
13 board.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.