
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 146 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MOUL, DRISCOLL, SAYLOR, EVERETT AND GABLER,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JANUARY 23, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 29, 1945 (P.L.1134, No.405), entitled
2 "An act to create a commission to act jointly with
3 commissions appointed for like purpose by the States of West
4 Virginia and Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the
5 District of Columbia, which, together with three members to
6 be appointed by the President of the United States, shall
7 constitute the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River
8 Basin, with power to cooperate in the abatement of the
9 existing pollution, and in the control of future pollution of
10 the waters of the drainage basin of the Potomac River within
11 the States of Maryland and West Virginia, the Commonwealth of
12 Virginia and the District of Columbia; to authorize the
13 Governor of the State to execute on behalf of this State a
14 compact with representatives of other states for the purpose
15 of forming the above-mentioned commission; and creating a
16 Potomac Valley Conservancy District; providing for the
17 appointment of the Pennsylvania members of said commission
18 for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and their terms of
19 office; and providing an appropriation," further providing
20 for membership of commission and for appointments.

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

23 Section 1. Sections 1 first paragraph and 1.1 of the act of
24 May 29, 1945 (P.L.1134, No.405), entitled "An act to create a
25 commission to act jointly with commissions appointed for like
26 purpose by the States of West Virginia and Maryland, the

1 Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia, which,
2 together with three members to be appointed by the President of
3 the United States, shall constitute the Interstate Commission on
4 the Potomac River Basin, with power to cooperate in the
5 abatement of the existing pollution, and in the control of
6 future pollution of the waters of the drainage basin of the
7 Potomac River within the States of Maryland and West Virginia,
8 the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia; to
9 authorize the Governor of the State to execute on behalf of this
10 State a compact with representatives of other states for the
11 purpose of forming the above-mentioned commission; and creating
12 a Potomac Valley Conservancy District; providing for the
13 appointment of the Pennsylvania members of said commission for
14 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and their terms of office; and
15 providing an appropriation," are amended to read:

16 Section 1. There is hereby created a commission consisting
17 of three members, to act jointly with commissions appointed for
18 like purposes by the States of West Virginia and Maryland, the
19 Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia, and an
20 additional three members to be appointed by the President of the
21 United States and which, together with the other commissions
22 appointed as hereinbefore mentioned, shall constitute and be
23 known as the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.
24 The said commission for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall
25 consist of three members. The Governor shall appoint two
26 members, one of whom shall be a member of the public
27 knowledgeable in matters involving water pollution and the other
28 shall be a member of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
29 Pennsylvania or his designee. The third member shall be the
30 Secretary of Environmental [Resources] Protection or his

1 designee. The appointed members shall serve for terms of two
2 years or until their successors are appointed. The Secretary of
3 Environmental [Resources] Protection or his designee shall serve
4 for the same period as his tenure as Secretary of Environmental
5 [Resources] Protection. They shall serve without compensation,
6 but shall be paid their actual expenses incurred in and incident
7 to the performance of their duties as hereinafter set forth. The
8 Commonwealth shall contribute to the Interstate Commission on
9 the Potomac River Basin its pro rata share of the expenses of
10 said commission which shall be such sums as may be appropriated
11 for the purpose, but not less than the sum of one thousand two
12 hundred dollars (\$1,200) per year for the biennium beginning
13 June first, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

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15 Section 1.1. The Governor of the Commonwealth of
16 Pennsylvania shall appoint an alternate member for each of the
17 two appointed members of the commission for the Commonwealth of
18 Pennsylvania created by section 1 of the act of May 29, 1945
19 (P.L.1134). Each such alternate shall be appointed from among
20 the members of the General Assembly, or a designee, or the
21 public, as the case may be. The Secretary of Environmental
22 [Resources] Protection shall also appoint an alternate. Each
23 such alternate shall have the power to act in the absence of the
24 person for whom he is an alternate. The term of each alternate
25 shall run concurrently with the term of the member for whom he
26 is an alternate.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.