

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 771 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, RAFFERTY AND FERLO, APRIL 3, 2013

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
APRIL 3, 2013

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," providing for the State
 21 Geospatial Coordinating Board.

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

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

27 Section 432.1. State Geospatial Coordinating Board.--(a)

1 The State Geospatial Coordinating Board shall be an advisory
2 board within the Governor's Office with the same status under
3 this act as that of advisory boards. The board is established to
4 provide advice and recommendations to the Governor and the
5 citizens of this Commonwealth on geospatial issues, providing
6 for uniformity, data standards, coordination and the efficiency
7 of geospatial policy and technology issues among Federal, State
8 and local government agencies, academic institutions and the
9 private sector.

10 (b) The State Geospatial Coordinating Board shall consist of
11 the following members:

12 (1) The Secretary of Administration or a designee.

13 (2) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or a designee.

14 (3) The Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources or a
15 designee.

16 (4) The Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management
17 Agency or successor agency or a designee.

18 (5) The Secretary of Transportation or a designee.

19 (6) The Secretary of General Services or a designee.

20 (7) One member designated by the President pro tempore of
21 the Senate.

22 (8) One member designated by the Minority Leader of the
23 Senate.

24 (9) One member designated by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives.

26 (10) One member designated by the Minority Leader of the
27 House of Representatives.

28 (11) Three members appointed by the Governor as follows:

29 (i) One member shall be a county commissioner at the time of
30 appointment.

1 (ii) One member shall be a local elected official
2 representing an urban or suburban Pennsylvania community.

3 (iii) One member shall be a local elected official
4 representing a rural Pennsylvania community.

5 (12) One member designated by the County GIS Professionals
6 Association of Pennsylvania.

7 (13) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Mapping and
8 Geographic Information Consortium.

9 (14) One member designated by the County Commissioners
10 Association of Pennsylvania.

11 (15) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Chapter of
12 the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric
13 Surveyors.

14 (c) The council shall also include the following nonvoting
15 ex officio members or their designees, which members shall have
16 all the rights of the other members except voting:

17 (1) The Commonwealth's mapping liaison from the United
18 States Geological Survey.

19 (2) One member designated by the Pennsylvania One Call
20 System.

21 (3) The Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
22 Commission or a designee.

23 (4) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Society of
24 Land Surveyors.

25 (5) One member designated by the Pennsylvania State System
26 of Higher Education -- GIS Consortium.

27 (6) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Municipal
28 Authorities Association.

29 (7) One member designated by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the
30 American Planning Association.

1 (8) The Executive Director of Pennsylvania Spatial Data
2 Access.

3 (d) The terms of office of members representing State
4 agencies shall coincide with the terms of the Governor. In case
5 of a vacancy, the Governor shall make an appointment for the
6 unexpired portion of the term. An organizational designee shall
7 serve a term of three years. In the case of a vacancy, the
8 appropriate organization shall provide a designee for the
9 unexpired portion of the term.

10 (e) The Governor shall designate the chairperson and vice-
11 chairperson of the council from among the members of the
12 council, other than the ex officio and legislative members. The
13 council shall meet not less than four times yearly. Additional
14 meetings shall be at the discretion of the chairperson. Nine
15 members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

16 (f) The members of the council shall serve without
17 compensation but shall be entitled to receive travel and other
18 reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.
19 The council may, with the approval of the Governor, appoint and
20 fix the compensation of an executive director who shall be
21 technically qualified for the duties of the office and who shall
22 act as secretary of the council and conduct the work of the
23 council under its supervision.

24 (g) The council shall have the power to employ and fix the
25 compensation of such experts, stenographers and assistants as
26 may be deemed necessary to carry out the work on the council,
27 but due diligence shall be exercised by the council to enlist
28 such voluntary assistance as may be available from citizens,
29 research organizations and other agencies in this Commonwealth
30 or elsewhere, generally recognized as qualified to aid the

1 council.

2 (h) The council shall have the following powers and duties:

3 (1) Recommend data development priorities and
4 interoperability standards for data sharing across agencies and
5 different units of government across this Commonwealth.

6 (2) Monitor national and State trends, identify issues of
7 potential interest and concern to the Commonwealth and prepare
8 for the Governor and the General Assembly on an annual basis, or
9 more often if necessary, reports detailing the findings of the
10 council.

11 (3) Define and prioritize strategic opportunities where maps
12 and spatial analysis activities could enhance the business of
13 government and provide more cost-effective services to citizens.
14 This may include recommendations of specific geospatial
15 technology investments in this Commonwealth.

16 (4) Develop task forces as needed to formulate recommended
17 positions or actions. The task force membership may be comprised
18 of council members or designees appointed by the council. The
19 council shall consider any task force recommendations at its
20 next meeting.

21 (i) The Office of Administration shall provide assistance to
22 the council as requested by the chairperson of the council.

23 (j) Commonwealth agencies may provide assistance to the
24 board upon request of the chairperson when the Commonwealth
25 resources allow for it.

26 (k) The addition of section 432.1 shall expire on June 30,
27 2020.

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