
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 705 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY BLAKE, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, WAUGH,
HUGHES, BRUBAKER AND SOLOBAY, MARCH 15, 2013

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 15, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for establishment.

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

5 Section 1. Section 1731 of Title 61 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 1731. Establishment.

8 (a) General rule.--

9 (1) In counties of the third, fourth and fifth class,
10 the persons now holding the following offices and their
11 successors in each county of the third, fourth or fifth class
12 shall compose a board to be known as the board of inspectors
13 of the jail or county prison.

14 (2) The following persons shall be members of the board:

15 (i) The president judge of the court of common pleas
16 or a judge designated by him.

17 (ii) [The district attorney] (Reserved).

18 (iii) The sheriff.

1 (iv) The controller.

2 (v) The county commissioners.

3 (2.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1),
4 the district attorney in a county of the third, fourth or
5 fifth class shall have the option of being a member of the
6 board.

7 (3) The board and the officers appointed by it shall
8 provide for the safekeeping, discipline and employment of
9 inmates and the government and management of the correctional
10 institution.

11 (4) The duty of the sheriff relating to the safekeeping
12 of inmates shall cease and determine on their committal to
13 the correctional institution, and the sheriff may not be
14 furnished a residence in the correctional institution.

15 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2), the
16 president judge may choose at any time to delete the judge
17 position from the board by so notifying the chairperson and
18 secretary of the board in writing. The decision to delete
19 this position shall remain in effect for as long as the
20 president judge making the decision shall remain as president
21 judge and thereafter until rescinded in like fashion by a
22 successor.

23 (b) Counties that may elect to be subject to subchapter.--
24 Any county of the sixth, seventh or eighth class may elect by
25 resolution of the county commissioners to be governed by the
26 provisions of this subchapter.

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