

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL****No. 830** Session of  
2017

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REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, JULY 6, 2017

## 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 Commonwealth budget  
21 procedures, providing for General Assembly general  
22 appropriation procedure and further providing for revenue  
23 estimates.

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

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

29 Section 613.1. General Assembly General Appropriation

1 Procedure.--(a) The following deadlines are imposed:

2 (1) In the first year after the effective date of this  
3 section and each year thereafter, no later than six weeks after  
4 the date of submission of the budget by the Governor to the  
5 General Assembly under section 619(b), the legislation listed in  
6 paragraph (2)(i) shall be introduced in each chamber of the  
7 General Assembly.

8 (2) In the first year after the effective date of this  
9 section and each year thereafter, no later than the first full  
10 week in May, except in a fiscal year when the Governor is  
11 inaugurated in which case no later than the second full week in  
12 May, the General Assembly shall:

13 (i) Pass out of at least one chamber all of the following:

14 (A) A general appropriation bill.

15 (B) Any preferred appropriation bills required to fund the  
16 various agencies of the Commonwealth.

17 (C) Any bill required to direct the expenditure of any  
18 appropriation of funds provided in the general appropriation  
19 bill.

20 (D) Any nonpreferred appropriation bills necessary to fund  
21 all institutions of higher education for which the Commonwealth  
22 is required to provide funding.

23 (E) A bill providing sufficient revenue to fund the items  
24 listed in clauses (A), (B), (C) and (D).

25 (ii) A final version of all of the legislation listed in  
26 subparagraph (i) shall be passed by the General Assembly and  
27 presented to the Governor for signature no later than June 1 of  
28 the same fiscal year in which the legislation was introduced.

29 (3) If the Governor vetoes any of the legislation listed in  
30 paragraph (2)(i) and the veto is not reconsidered pursuant to

1 section 15 or 16 of Article IV of the Constitution of  
2 Pennsylvania, any bill vetoed and required under paragraph (2)  
3 (i) shall be reintroduced, passed by the General Assembly and  
4 presented to the Governor within two weeks of the date of the  
5 veto.

6 (b) Failure to enact legislation listed in subsection (a)(2)  
7 (i) on or before June 30 of each year shall:

8 (1) result in the irrevocable forfeiture of pay by the  
9 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, cabinet members, members of the  
10 General Assembly and all senior staff of the executive and  
11 legislative branches along with forfeiture of any per diem  
12 allowances and expense reimbursements for lodging, meals and  
13 mileage applicable to those officers and employees; and

14 (2) require the physical presence of all public officials  
15 and employees listed under paragraph (1) in the Main Capitol  
16 Building for the purposes of conducting negotiation sessions  
17 under subsection (c) until the legislation listed in subsection  
18 (a)(2)(i) has been enacted for the applicable fiscal year.

19 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7  
20 (relating to open meetings) to the contrary, meetings between  
21 the Governor and representatives of the four legislative  
22 caucuses of the General Assembly conducted for the purposes of  
23 negotiating legislation listed in subsection (a)(2)(i) that  
24 occur during a budget impasse shall comply with all of the  
25 following:

26 (1) Be open to the public.

27 (2) Occur at a designated location within the Capitol  
28 Complex.

29 (3) Provide notice one hour prior to any meeting under this  
30 subsection as follows:

1 (i) Notice to the supervisor of the newsroom of the State  
2 Capitol Building in Harrisburg for distribution to the members  
3 of the Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents Association with  
4 a minimum of 30 copies of the notice of the date, time and place  
5 of each session, meeting or hearing.

6 (ii) Posting of the copy of the notice at public places  
7 within the Main Capitol Building designated by the Secretary of  
8 the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

9 Section 2. Section 618 of the act is amended by adding a  
10 subsection to read:

11 Section 618. Revenue Estimates.--\* \* \*

12 (a.1) The Department of Revenue, in conjunction with the  
13 Secretary of the Budget, shall make revenue estimates and  
14 periodic revisions available for use by the General Assembly in  
15 preparing a budget until the final estimate is signed by the  
16 Governor, which shall occur no later than the date on which the  
17 Governor signs the general appropriation bill. The initial  
18 estimate shall be available by the second week of February each  
19 year and at least one revised estimate shall be available no  
20 later than May 1.

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22 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.