

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2002 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2002 Regular Session

<i>Doc. No.</i>	<i>Date of Action</i>	<i>Bill Number</i>	<i>Printer's Number</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
2002 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 044 through 051					
044	May 16	SB1240	PN1972	immediately	Pennsylvania Election Code—appointment of watchers, restrictions on election district alteration and Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors Advisory Board
045	May 16	HB1459	PN1741	60 days	Open Work Force Law—enactment
046	May 16	HB0247	PN3793	immediately	Community Services Block Grant Act—enactment
047	May 16	HB2087	PN3684	60 days	Sheriff Fee Act—fee establishment and modification and counties of second class additional fee
048	May 16	HB0402	PN0419	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—gambling devices
049	May 16	SB1007	PN1956	60 days	Acupuncture Registration Act—acupuncture educational program and regulations
050	May 16	SB1014	PN1431	immediately*	Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code (20 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
051	May 16	SB0771	PN0863	60 days	Second Class Township Code, The—compensation of auditors for conference, institute, school and convention attendance

* with exceptions

Effective Dates of Statutes

The effective dates specified above for laws and appropriation acts were contained in the applicable law or appropriation act. Where no date is specified or where the effective date specified is prior to the date of enactment, the effective date is 60 days after final enactment except for statutes making appropriations or affecting budgets of political subdivisions. See 1 Pa.C.S. §§ 1701—1704 (relating to effective dates of statutes).

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Section 1106 of Title 1 of the *Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes* provides that the prothonotaries of each county shall file advance copies of statutes in their offices for public inspection until the Laws of Pennsylvania are generally available. Section 2406(h) of The Administrative Code of 1929 provides that the Department of General Services shall distribute advance sheets of the Laws of Pennsylvania to each law judge of the courts, to every county and public library of this Commonwealth and to each member of the General Assembly. These copies shall be furnished without charge. The Department shall also mail one copy of each law enacted during any legislative session to any person who pays to it the sum of \$20.

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