

LESSONS IN CITIZENSHIP.

The State Legislature and Executive.

Does our State Government at all resemble the Federal Government?

Answer: The State Government of Pennsylvania is patterned after our National Government. We have two branches of the legislative body; the Senate and the House of Representatives.

What is the name of the State Legislative body?

Answer: It is the General Assembly and meets every odd number year at Harrisburg, beginning on the first Tuesday in January.

In what other way does it resemble the United States Congress, besides having the two Houses?

Answer: A majority of both Houses must agree upon a bill and the same must then be signed by the Governor to become a law; again should the Governor veto a bill it can be passed over his veto by two-thirds vote of each House, in the same manner as Congress may pass a bill over the President's veto.

Can any bill passed by the General Assembly be annulled?

Answer: Yes, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania or the Supreme Court of the United States can annul any law passed by the Assembly if the Court decides that such a law is contrary either to the Pennsylvania State or the Federal Constitution.

How many members are there in the Pennsylvania Senate?

Answer: There are fifty, one chosen from each Senatorial District to serve four years.

How are these Senatorial Districts determined?

Answer: The sixty-seven counties are grouped according to population into these fifty districts. The whole population of the State is divided by fifty and each county having one or more such ratio is entitled to a Senator.

What are the qualifications for a State Senator?

Answer: He must be twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the district which he is chosen to represent.

How are the members of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly apportioned?

Answer: The members of the House of Representatives are apportioned among sixty-seven counties, according to the population, it being provided, however, that every county may elect at least one representative. How is the ratio which is used as a basis of choosing these representatives obtained?

Answer: The entire population of the State, which is taken from the most recent census is divided by two hundred, and every county unless it contains more than five ratios, is entitled to one representative for each full ratio and an additional representative, if the surplus is more than half of a ratio.

Do the cities elect their representatives irrespective of the county in which they are located?

Answer: Yes, every city containing a population equal to a ratio is entitled to elect separately its proportion of the representatives allotted to the county in which it is located.

What are the qualifications for a State Representative in Pennsylvania?

Answer: A Representative must be at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the district in which he is elected.

For how long are the Representatives chosen?

Answer: Two years, but they are eligible to re-election.

When was the present Constitution of Pennsylvania adopted?

Answer: In 1794. A Commission has recently been appointed to draft a new constitution, but it cannot go into effect for some time as it will have to be passed upon by two succeeding Legislatures, and be ratified by a majority of the voters.

Who chooses the officers of the State Senate and House?

Answer: The Lieutenant Governor is the president of the State Senate while the other officers are elected by that body. The Speaker of the House and all other officers are elected by it. Do the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives enjoy any privileges?

Answer: Yes. They are immune from arrest during the session of the Assembly and on their journey to or from, nor can they be questioned any other place for any speech or debate in either House.

Is the method of passing a bill the same in the General Assembly as in Congress?

Answer: The method is exactly the same. We have studied about the State Courts which represent the judicial power of the State and the General Assembly which is the Legislative Branch of the State Government.

What other Department is there?

Answer: The Executive Branch, which is vested in the Governor of the Commonwealth.

How is he chosen and how long does he serve?

Answer: The Governor is elected by the qualified electors of the State for a term of four years, and he is not eligible to re-election. His salary is \$10,000.00 annually.

Where does he reside and what are his duties?

Answer: The Governor resides in the executive mansion at Harrisburg. His chief duty is to see that the laws of the State are faithfully executed. He is commander in chief of the military forces of the State, and he appoints the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Attorney General, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction as well as other officers, which the Legislature may direct from time to time.

Has the Governor the sole power to make these appointments?

Answer: No, the Senate must concur in these appointments as the United States Senate must confirm appointments made by the President.

What are the duties of the Lieutenant Governor?

Answer: In case of death or disability the Lieutenant Governor would assume the Governor's chair. He is president of the State Senate and a member of the State Board of Pardons. His salary is \$5,000.00.

What executive officers are chosen by the electors besides the Governor and Lieutenant Governor?

Answer: The State Treasurer, Auditor General and the Secretary of Internal Affairs.

What are the duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth?

Answer: The Secretary of the Commonwealth records all official acts of the Governor and countersigns all documents and Commissions issued by the Executive Department. He is the keeper of the great seal of the State and he files all laws passed by the Legislature. He also has charge of all State papers and journals as well as all historical documents, statuary, paintings and relics that are owned by the State. His salary is \$8,000.00.

What are the duties of the State Treasurer?

Answer: The State Treasurer has charge of all the money paid into the State Treasury. He receives funds, places them where they will be safe and pays them out upon the order of the Auditor General, who verifies all monthly statements of the Treasurer and serves upon all State financial boards. He is required to furnish a bond to the amount of \$500,000.00. He serves four years and receives a salary of \$8,000.00. He is elected by the voters of the State.

What are the duties of the Attorney General?

Answer: The Attorney General represents the State in all legal matters, advises the Governor and other executive officers as well as the Legislature, and conducts all State litigation. He also advises and serves upon important State Boards. He is appointed by the Governor. His salary is \$12,000.00.

What are the duties of the Auditor General?

Answer: The Auditor General manages the financial business of the State. He prepares plans for the increase and management of the State revenue. It is his duty to enforce prompt collection of taxes. He keeps an account of all money received and all paid out of the State Treasury, and no money can be expended except upon his order.

What are the duties of the Secretary of Internal Affairs?

Answer: The Secretary of Internal Affairs supervises the operations of railroads and of all industrial corporations in the State. He looks after the relations between Capitol and Labor, the Land Office, and the Standards of Weights and Measures. He serves on various State Boards.

How does he obtain his position and what compensation does he receive?

Answer: He is elected by the people for four years and receives \$12,000.00 annually.

What are the duties of the Superintendent of Public Instruction?

Answer: The Superintendent of Public Instruction has charge of the public school system of the Commonwealth. He reports to the Governor upon the condition of educational affairs throughout the State, visits teachers' institutes and other educational meetings, delivers lectures upon educational subjects, inspects the schools and suggests methods of teaching and courses of instruction to promote the cause of education. He supervises the State Normal schools and issues the certificates to teachers. He is the head of the State Board of Education, which provides for the distribution of the State School Fund which supplements local taxation in the maintenance of all our public schools in the State.

What other State officers are there?

Answer: There are a number of Administrative Boards and Commissions serving by appointment of the Governor and under his control.

Name some of the Boards and Commissions.

Answer: Public Service Commission, Commission of Agriculture, Workmen's Compensation Board, Industrial Board, Board of Public Charities, Board of Game Commissioners, Board of Censors of Moving Pictures, State Highway Department, also Departments of Insurance, Banking, Mines and State Police. All these are sixty Administrative Bureaus and Departments with over eight thousand subordinate officials.

Can you state the amount of money expended annually in carrying on the business of our Commonwealth?

Answer: Over fifty million of dollars are expended every year by the State Government of Pennsylvania.

Wrong Use of the Flag.

Do you know it is unlawful—To carry a flag with the field down, allowing the flag to touch the ground; to attach any advertising matter to a flag, or to the same staff to which the flag is attached?

To print a picture of the flag on a napkin or on a container for selling merchandise or for the containing of anything of any description?

To drape the body of a person with a flag? This includes the Goddess of Liberty figures in Independence day parades as well as the burlesque girl who comes out for the finale dressed in pieces of cloth made in representation of the flag.

To leave the flag flying after sundown? (In the case of public buildings.)—Columbus Dispatch.

What Makes Fog.

London is famous for its fogs.

Why? Because, for one reason, London is a city. Cities make smoke, and smoke makes fog.

Doubtless London fogs are much thicker and more prevalent nowadays than a century ago. The city is much bigger, and there is more smoke.

A fog is formed by the condensation of moisture upon smoke particles and dust particles suspended in the atmosphere. The more smoke and dust, the greater the liability to the formation of fog, each particle furnishing a nucleus for moisture when conditions are right.

Thus, as a city gains in population, fogs become more frequent.

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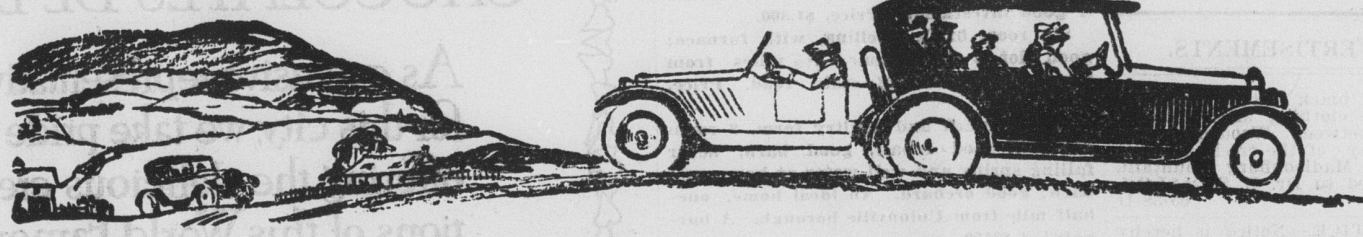
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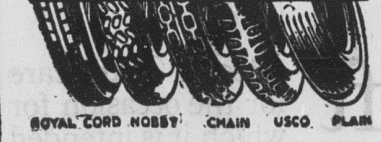
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