WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Com. Sub. for
HOUSE BILL No. 1675

(By Mr. Del McKinley and Del Blatnik)

Passed March 27, 1985

In Effect from Passage
AN ACT generally to authorize the establishment and termination of the centre market commission, a body corporate and politic, by the City of Wheeling; findings and purposes; appointment of a board therefor to serve without compensation; board qualifications, terms; election of officers and removal; authorization to acquire, deal with and dispose of real and personal property and funds; authorization to contract, employ personnel, sue and be sued; authorization to own and operate facilities and fix and collect fees; and providing other necessary powers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

CENTRE MARKET COMMISSION.

§1. Legislative findings and purposes.

1 The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

2 (a) The Centre Market Square Historic District, city of Wheeling, county of Ohio, state of West Virginia, is richly endowed with numerous historic buildings which have a close and immediate relationship to the values upon which this city and state and the nation were founded;

7 (b) That within the Centre Market Square Historic District
there are two market houses owned by the city that are on the national register of historic places which are unique to this state;

(c) That it would be a most worthy public purpose to authorize the governing body of the city of Wheeling to establish and terminate a centre market commission for the following reasons:

1. To preserve and protect the historical and architectural heritage and to promote the economic redevelopment of the Centre Market Square Historic District.
2. To effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of the Centre Market Square Historic District and its historic buildings;
3. To improve, develop, maintain and operate the historic market houses;
4. To protect and enhance the Centre Market Square Historic District's attractions to residents, tourists and visitors and to serve as support and stimulus to business and industry;
5. To strengthen the economy of the Centre Market Square Historic District and the city;
6. To foster civic pride in the beauty and noble accomplishments of the past;
7. To promote the use of the Centre Market Square Historic District and its historic market house for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people of the city of Wheeling.

§2. Centre commission may be created; board of directors; appointment; powers and duties generally; officers; bylaws; rules and regulations.

The governing body of the City of Wheeling is hereby authorized to create a centre market commission by ordinance, the same to be a body corporate and politic which shall have a board of directors as its governing body. The commission may be created for a time certain or until terminated by like ordinance of such governing body. The board consists of five persons appointed by the city council. the members shall be residents of Wheeling and shall serve without compensation. They shall be appointed for a period of four years and may
hold no political office, municipal, county or state. The city
council shall, on or after the effective date of this act, appoint
five members, one for two years, two for three years and two
for four years respectively as designated by the city council.
Their respective successors, however, shall be appointed for the
term of four years excepting that any person appointed to fill
a vacancy occurring, before the expiration of a term, shall
serve only for the unexpired term. Any commissioner is eligible
for reappointment. However, any vacancy created either by the
expiration of a term, or otherwise, shall be filled by appointing
body. Upon the appointment of the commission, the members
thereof shall elect from among their number a chairman and
a secretary-treasurer who shall hold office for one year and
be eligible for reelection. Annually thereafter the commission
shall organize by the election of a secretary-treasurer and such
other officers from its own number as it may deem advisable.
Members of the commission may be removed from office in
the same manner as provided for the removal of county
officers under article six, chapter six the code of West Virginia,
one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended.

§3. Powers and duties.

The commission may be given the following powers and
duties: Acquire property by purchase, lease, gift or otherwise;
sell or lease property so acquired; contract and be contracted
with; sue and be sued; solicit and accept gifts, bequests,
endowments and funds both public and private; employ and
compensate personnel; own and operate necessary facilities
and equipment; fix, charge and collect fees for its acts and
undertakings; and other powers necessary for the exercise of
those powers enumerated above consistent with the purposes
of the commission.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.
Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within .................. this the 10th day of .................., 1985.

Governor