

of such officers or persons, and every such person so demanding or receiving any bribe, fee, reward, or testimonial shall be deemed guilty of bribery, and on being convicted thereof shall be fined not less than [one hundred dollars] \$100 nor more than [five thousand dollars] \$5,000, or, in the discretion of the court, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned in the penitentiary of this State for not less than two nor more than [twelve] 12 years, or both fined and imprisoned, and shall also be forever disfranchised and disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit in this State; and any person so bribing or attempting to bribe or so demanding or receiving a bribe shall be a competent witness, and compellable to testify against any person or persons who may have committed any of the aforesaid offenses; provided, that any person so compelled to testify in behalf of the State in any such case shall be exempt from prosecution, trial and punishment for any such crime of which such person so testifying may have been guilty or a participant therein, and about which he was so compelled to testify.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1977.

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CHAPTER 261

(House Bill 939)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Board of Community College Trustees

FOR the purpose of providing for the composition, appointment, and term of membership of the local boards of community college trustees; providing for the filling of vacancies and the selection of a chairman of each board; confirming certain appointments; and generally relating to the appointment of boards of community college trustees in order to correct an omission in Chapter 538 of the Acts of 1976.

BY adding to

Article 77A - Higher Education  
Section 9(a), (b), and (c)