

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GILLETTE, FRYER, RAPPAPORT, RUGGIERO, MEBUS,
KERNICK, COWELL AND ABRAHAM, MARCH 3, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 4, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 13, 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), entitled
2 "An act giving municipalities the right and power to adopt
3 home rule charters or one of several optional plans of
4 government and to exercise the powers and authority of local
5 self-government subject to certain restrictions and
6 limitations; providing procedures for such adoption and
7 defining the effect thereof," changing provisions relating to
8 terms of office.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1262, act of April 13,
12 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), known as the "Home Rule Charter and
13 Optional Plans Law," is amended to read:

14 Section 1262. * * *

15 (b) At the municipal election next succeeding the adoption
16 of one of the optional plans provided for in this act, if four
17 or less councilmen are elected, they shall serve for terms of
18 four years. If five are elected, the four successful candidates
19 receiving the highest percentage of the votes cast for the
20 office to which they are elected shall serve for terms of four
21 years, and the candidate receiving the next highest percentage

1 of votes shall serve for a term of two years. If six or more
2 councilmen are elected, the five candidates receiving the
3 highest percentage of the votes cast for the office in which
4 they are elected shall serve for terms of four years, and the
5 remaining successful candidates receiving the next highest
6 percentage of votes shall serve for terms of two years.
7 Thereafter, all councilmen shall be elected for terms of four
8 years: Provided, That where the term of office for councilmen
9 under the adopted plan shall be different from the term of
10 office for councilmen under an existing form of government the
11 terms of office for councilmen so elected shall be established
12 so that at each subsequent regular municipal election at which
13 councilmen are elected, the number of councilmen to be elected
14 shall be as nearly equal as possible to the number of councilmen
15 to be elected at every other regular municipal election at which
16 councilmen are elected.

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