

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1823

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OCTOBER 31, 1977

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 30, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled
2 "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth,
3 sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising,
4 consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto,"
5 authorizing the facsimile signature of county treasurers and
6 controllers on payroll checks.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1751, act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323,
10 No.130), known as "The County Code," is amended to read:

11 Section 1751. Voucher Check System.--The controller shall
12 draw and certify vouchers for all bills, claims and demands
13 presented to him, which he approves and only for such as he
14 approves, and shall forward the vouchers together with checks
15 therefor with the bills, claims or demands to the county
16 commissioners for their approval. If the county commissioners
17 approve a voucher, at least two commissioners shall sign the
18 check as properly drawn upon the county treasury. In such cases

1 facsimiles of their signatures may be used. The bill, claim or
2 demand, and the voucher therefor, shall be returned to the
3 controller for filing in his office and the check shall be
4 forwarded to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall
5 sign the check as his draft upon the county treasury, but he
6 shall not sign any check not already signed, as herein provided,
7 by the commissioners and the controller. Vouchers shall be
8 numbered serially before the controller forwards them to the
9 county commissioners and every check incident thereto shall bear
10 the same serial number as the voucher as well as the number or
11 numbers which may be put upon it by the county treasurer. If the
12 county commissioners refuse to approve any bill, claim or
13 demand, they shall return the same together with the voucher and
14 check involved to the controller for filing in his office. In
15 counties not having a controller, the county commissioners shall
16 approve each transaction and the voucher and check shall be
17 drawn by their chief clerk who shall keep files of the bills,
18 claims or demands involved and of the vouchers. At least two
19 commissioners shall sign the checks either personally or by
20 facsimile, and they shall be forwarded, as hereinbefore
21 provided, to the county treasurer for his signature. In all
22 cases the cancelled checks shall be filed in the office of the
23 county treasurer, but he shall transmit, at such times as the
24 controller shall establish, a list of all checks paid from the
25 county treasury and not previously transmitted, giving their
26 voucher serial numbers. The county treasurer or controller is <—
27 AND THE CONTROLLER IN THOSE COUNTIES HAVING A CONTROLLER ARE <—
28 authorized to use a facsimile signature on any check meant for <—
29 the payment of wages or salaries of county employes which he is <—
30 THEY ARE required to sign. <—

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.