
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 12, 1986

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled "An
2 act concerning townships of the second class; and amending,
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating
4 thereto," further providing for voting by township
5 supervisors.

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

8 Section 1. Section 511 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103,
9 No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, reenacted and
10 amended July 10, 1947 (P.L.1481, No.567) and amended October 22,
11 1981 (P.L.313, No.108), is amended to read:

12 Section 511. Organization Meeting; Appointment of Secretary
13 and Treasurer.--The supervisors of each township shall meet, at
14 a convenient time and place, on the first Monday in January of
15 each year. If the first Monday is a legal holiday, the meeting
16 shall be held the first day following. At such time the township
17 supervisors shall organize as a board by electing one of their
18 number as chairman and another member as vice-chairman. The

1 board shall appoint a treasurer and a secretary. The secretary
2 shall be an individual, however the board may select either a
3 trust company, banking institution or an individual to serve as
4 treasurer, or the board may appoint one individual to serve as
5 both secretary and treasurer. The secretary-treasurer, secretary
6 or treasurer, may or may not be a member of the board. With
7 regard to boards of supervisors which are designated as three-
8 member boards, any supervisor who is to be considered by such a
9 board for secretary-treasurer, secretary or treasurer, shall not
10 be excluded from voting on the issue of such appointment; such
11 action by a supervisor shall be deemed to be within the scope of
12 authority as a supervisor and shall not be deemed to constitute
13 an illegal or an improper conflict of interest.

14 The meeting under this section may be considered as a regular
15 monthly meeting for the transaction of such business as comes
16 before it. The first order of business at this meeting shall be
17 organization of the board. Any action taken or business
18 transacted other than organization of the supervisors as a board
19 at any organization meeting held prior to the effective date of
20 this amending act, which is invalid for the reason that the
21 action was taken or business transacted at an organization
22 meeting, is hereby validated and confirmed.

23 Section 2. Section 514 of the act, amended July 2, 1953
24 (P.L.328, No.72), is amended to read:

25 Section 514. Road Districts; Superintendents and
26 Roadmasters.--The board of township supervisors, immediately
27 after their organization, shall divide the township into one or
28 more road districts. They shall employ a superintendent for the
29 entire township or a roadmaster for each district. Every
30 superintendent and roadmaster, so employed, must be a person

1 physically able to work on and maintain the roads. Township
2 supervisors may require such superintendents or roadmasters to
3 give bond, with a surety company or other company authorized by
4 law to act as surety, for the faithful performance of their
5 duties. The superintendent or roadmasters shall be subject to
6 removal by the board of supervisors. The supervisors shall fix
7 the wages to be paid, either per hour, per day, per week, semi-
8 monthly or monthly, to the superintendent or roadmasters and
9 laborers for work on the roads and bridges, which wages shall
10 not exceed wages paid in the locality for similar services.

11 This section shall not prohibit the township supervisors from
12 being employed as superintendents or roadmasters, or as
13 laborers, if physically able to work on and maintain the roads.
14 With regard to boards of supervisors which are designated as
15 three-member boards, any supervisor who is to be considered by
16 such a board for a position as a compensated employe of the
17 township, as authorized by this section, shall not be excluded
18 from voting on the issue of such appointment; such action by a
19 supervisor shall be deemed to be within the scope of authority
20 as a supervisor and shall not be deemed to constitute an illegal
21 or an improper conflict of interest. In such cases they shall
22 not employ a superintendent or roadmasters and their
23 compensation shall be fixed as hereinafter provided.

24 Two or more townships may appoint the same person as
25 superintendent.

26 Section 3. This act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1986.

27 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.