

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MELIO, VAN HORNE, CURRY, TIGUE, GIGLIOTTI, PESCI,
LAUGHLIN AND TRELLO, FEBRUARY 7, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 7, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled
2 "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating
4 thereto," further providing for ordinances and resolutions by
5 boards of commissioners.

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

8 Section 1. Clause I(a) of section 1502 of the act of June
9 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township
10 Code, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569) and
11 amended June 23, 1976 (P.L.410, No.92), is amended to read:

12 Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first
13 class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners.

14 The board shall have power--

15 I. Ordinances and Resolutions. (a) To adopt resolutions and
16 ordinances prescribing the manner in which powers of the
17 township shall be carried out, and generally regulating the
18 affairs of the township. All such proposed ordinances, unless
19 otherwise provided by law, shall be published at least once in

1 one newspaper of general circulation in the township not more
2 than sixty days nor less than seven days prior to passage.
3 Publication of any proposed ordinance shall include either the
4 full text thereof or the title and a brief summary prepared by
5 the township solicitor setting forth all the provisions in
6 reasonable detail and a reference to a place within the township
7 where copies of the proposed ordinance may be examined. If the
8 full text is not included, a copy thereof shall be [supplied to
9 a newspaper of general circulation in the township at the time
10 the public notice is published. If the full text is not included
11 an attested copy thereof shall be filed in the county law
12 library or other county office designated by the county
13 commissioners who may impose a fee no greater than that
14 necessary to cover the actual costs of storing said ordinances.]
15 available in the office of the township secretary from the date
16 of advertisement until the date of enactment. In the event
17 substantial amendments are made in the proposed ordinance or
18 resolution, upon enactment, the board shall within ten days
19 readvertise in one newspaper of general circulation in the
20 township, a brief summary setting forth all the provisions in
21 reasonable detail together with a summary of the amendments. In
22 any case in which maps, plans or drawings of any kind are
23 adopted as part of an ordinance, the commissioners may, instead
24 of publishing the same as part of the ordinance, refer, in
25 publishing the ordinance, to the place where such maps, plans or
26 drawings are on file and may be examined. No ordinance, or
27 resolution of a legislative character in the nature of an
28 ordinance, shall be considered in force until the same is
29 recorded in the ordinance book of the township. All township
30 ordinances shall, within one month after their passage, be

1 recorded by the township secretary in a book provided for that
2 purpose, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of
3 citizens. The entry of the township ordinance in the ordinance
4 book by the secretary shall be sufficient without the signature
5 of the president of the board of commissioners or other person.
6 Any and all township ordinances or portions thereof, the text of
7 which prior to the effective date of this amendment shall have
8 been attached to the ordinance book, shall be considered in
9 force just as if such ordinances or portions thereof had been
10 recorded directly upon the pages of such ordinance book:
11 Provided, That all other requirements of this act applicable to
12 the enactment, approval, advertising and recording of such
13 ordinances or portions thereof were complied with within the
14 time limit prescribed by this act.

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