

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1530** Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 7, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, third,  
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,  
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating  
5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,  
6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the  
7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and  
8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," further  
9 providing for establishment of office of controller in  
10 counties of the sixth, seventh and eighth classes.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 605 of the act of August 9, 1955  
14 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended to read:

15 Section 605. Establishment of Office of Controller in  
16 Counties of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Classes.--(a) The  
17 office of controller may be established in any county of the  
18 sixth, seventh or eighth class by the affirmative vote of a  
19 majority of the electors of the county voting on the question  
20 submitted, as herein provided, at any general, municipal or

1 primary election that occurs during the third year of the term  
2 for which the county auditors were elected.

3 (b) The question shall be submitted to the electors of the  
4 county upon petition, in writing, of one hundred qualified  
5 electors of the county. Such petition shall be filed with the  
6 county commissioners at least sixty days before the day of any  
7 general, municipal or primary election that occurs during the  
8 third year of the term for which the county auditors were  
9 elected at which the question is to be submitted. If the  
10 petition is sufficiently signed the county commissioners shall  
11 cause the question to be submitted in the manner provided by the  
12 Pennsylvania Election Code.

13 (c) If the majority of electors voting on the question shall  
14 vote in favor of establishing the office of county controller,  
15 such office shall thereby be established, and, at the [next]  
16 municipal election that occurs during the fourth year of the  
17 term for which the county auditors were elected, and  
18 quadrennially thereafter, the electors of the county shall  
19 choose a citizen of the county for the office of controller in  
20 place of the county auditors.

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