

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 524 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY ROONEY, RAMOS, SHANER, TRAVAGLIO, WALKO, MELIO,
FICHTER, PESCI, YOUNGBLOOD, JAMES, GEIST, MICHLOVIC, BROWN,
DENT AND STETLER, FEBRUARY 12, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 12, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 15, 1957 (P.L.901, No.399), entitled
2 "An act giving cities of the third class the right and power
3 to adopt one of several plans of optional charters and to
4 exercise the powers and authority of local self-government
5 subject to certain restrictions and limitations; providing
6 procedures for such adoption and defining the effect
7 thereof," further providing for form of government.

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

10 Section 1. Sections 404 and 504 of the act of July 15, 1957
11 (P.L.901, No.399), known as the Optional Third Class City
12 Charter Law, are amended to read:

13 Section 404. The council shall consist of five members,
14 unless pursuant to the authority granted under section 213 of
15 this act, the city shall be governed by a council of seven or
16 nine members. Members of the council shall be elected at large
17 by the voters of the city at a regular municipal election and
18 shall serve for a term of four years, except as hereinafter
19 provided for those first elected beginning on the first Monday
20 of January next following their election. By ordinance, a city

1 may change the method of council elections to a district basis
2 in which each district is as equal in population as is feasible
3 or to a combination at-large and district basis.

4 Section 504. The city council shall consist of five members
5 unless, pursuant to the authority granted under section 213 of
6 this act, the city shall be governed by a council of seven or
7 nine members. Members of the city council shall be elected, at
8 large, by the voters of the city at a regular municipal
9 election, and shall serve for a term of four years, except as
10 hereinafter provided for those first elected, beginning on the
11 first Monday of January next following their election. By
12 ordinance, a city may change the method of council elections to
13 a district basis in which each district is as equal in
14 population as is feasible or to a combination at-large and
15 district basis.

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