

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1679 Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY FINEMAN AND WOJDAK, JULY 24, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JULY 24, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 21, 1949 (P.L.665, No.155), entitled
2 "An act to carry into effect section one of article fifteen
3 of the Constitution, giving cities of the first class the
4 right and power to frame, adopt and amend their own charters
5 and to exercise the powers and authority of local self-
6 government, and providing the procedure therefor; imposing
7 certain restrictions, limitations and regulations; imposing
8 duties upon city councils, city officers, county boards of
9 elections, courts and the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and
10 providing for the payment of certain expenses by such cities;
11 and imposing penalties," increasing the amount of fines,
12 forfeitures, and penalties authorized by ordinance.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 17, act of April 21, 1949 (P.L.665,
16 No.155), known as the "First Class City Home Rule Act," is
17 amended to read:

18 Section 17. General Grant of Power and Authority.--Subject
19 to the limitations hereinafter prescribed, the city taking
20 advantage of this act and framing and adopting or amending its
21 charter thereunder shall have and may exercise all powers and
22 authority of local self-government and shall have complete
23 powers of legislation and administration in relation to its

1 municipal functions, including the power and authority to
2 prescribe the elective city officers, who shall be nominated and
3 elected only in the manner provided by, and in accordance with,
4 the provisions of the Pennsylvania Election Code and its
5 amendments, for the nomination and election of municipal
6 officers. The charter of any city adopted or amended in
7 accordance with this act may provide for a form or system of
8 municipal government and for the exercise of any and all powers
9 relating to its municipal functions, not inconsistent with the
10 Constitution of the United States or of this Commonwealth, to
11 the full extent that the General Assembly may legislate in
12 reference thereto as to cities of the first class, and with like
13 effect, and the city may enact ordinances, rules and regulations
14 necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing
15 powers and all other powers vested in the city by the charter it
16 adopts or by this or any other law. Ordinances, rules and
17 regulations adopted under the authority of this act or under the
18 provisions of any charter adopted or amended hereunder shall be
19 enforceable by the imposition of fines, forfeitures and
20 penalties, not exceeding [three hundred dollars (\$300)] five
21 hundred dollars (\$500), and by imprisonment for a period not
22 exceeding ninety days.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.