

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1231** Session of  
1977

INTRODUCED BY BRUNNER, DeMEDIO AND SWEET, JUNE 6, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 6, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled  
2 "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth,  
3 sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising  
4 consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto,"  
5 further providing for the classification of counties.

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

8 Section 1. Section 210, act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323,  
9 No.130), known as "The County Code," amended September 9, 1971  
10 (P.L.458, No.107), is amended to read:

11 Section 210. Counties Divided Into Nine Classes.--For the  
12 purposes of legislation and the regulation of their affairs,  
13 counties of this Commonwealth, now in existence and those  
14 hereafter created, shall be divided into nine classes as  
15 follows:

16 (1) First Class Counties, those having a population of  
17 1,800,000 inhabitants and over.

18 (2) Second Class Counties, those having a population of  
19 800,000 and more but less than 1,800,000 inhabitants.

20 (2.1) Second Class A Counties, those having a population of

1 500,000 and more but less than 800,000 inhabitants.

2 (3) Third Class Counties, those having a population of  
3 [225,000] 200,000 and more but less than 500,000 inhabitants.

4 (4) Fourth Class Counties, those having a population of  
5 150,000 and more but less than [225,000] 200,000 inhabitants.

6 (5) Fifth Class Counties, those having a population of  
7 95,000 and more but less than 150,000 inhabitants.

8 (6) Sixth Class Counties, those having a population of  
9 45,000 and more but less than 95,000 inhabitants and those  
10 having a population of 35,000 and more but less than 45,000  
11 inhabitants which by ordinance or resolution of the Board of  
12 County Commissioners elect to be a county of the sixth class.

13 (7) Seventh Class Counties, those having a population of  
14 20,000 or more but less than 45,000 inhabitants and those having  
15 a population of 35,000 and more but less than 45,000 inhabitants  
16 which have not elected to be a county of the sixth class.

17 (8) Eighth Class Counties, those having a population of less  
18 than 20,000 inhabitants.

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