
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 239

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MAIALE, GRAY, BELOFF, McMONAGLE, EVANS, BORSKI,
RAPPAPORT, WIGGINS, GREENFIELD, EMERSON, O'DONNELL, COHEN,
RICHARDSON, BARBER, DEAL, PUCCIARELLI, J. D. WILLIAMS,
McINTYRE, RIEGER AND WHITE, JANUARY 26, 1981

SENATOR CORMAN, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
DECEMBER 7, 1981

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 defining first and second class counties AND MAKING A <—
6 REPEAL.

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

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

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

17 (1) First Class Counties, those having a population of
18 [1,800,000] 1,500,000 inhabitants and over.

1 (2) Second Class Counties, those having a population of
2 800,000 and more but less than [1,800,000] 1,500,000
3 inhabitants.

4 (2.1) Second Class A Counties, those having a population of
5 500,000 and more but less than 800,000 inhabitants.

6 (3) Third Class Counties, those having a population of
7 225,000 and more but less than 500,000 inhabitants.

8 (4) Fourth Class Counties, those having a population of
9 150,000 and more but less than 225,000 inhabitants.

10 (5) Fifth Class Counties, those having a population of
11 95,000 and more but less than 150,000 inhabitants.

12 (6) Sixth Class Counties, those having a population of
13 45,000 and more but less than 95,000 inhabitants and those
14 having a population of 35,000 and more but less than 45,000
15 inhabitants which by ordinance or resolution of the Board of
16 County Commissioners elect to be a county of the sixth class.

17 (7) Seventh Class Counties, those having a population of
18 20,000 or more but less than 45,000 inhabitants and those having
19 a population of 35,000 and more but less than 45,000 inhabitants
20 which have not elected to be a county of the sixth class.

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

23 SECTION 2. PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF SECTION 1 OF THE ACT OF
24 JULY 10, 1919 (P.L.887, NO.351), ENTITLED "AN ACT DIVIDING THE
25 COUNTIES OF THIS COMMONWEALTH INTO EIGHTH CLASSES; DESIGNATING
26 THE MODE OF ASCERTAINING AND CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF
27 COUNTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THEIR AFFAIRS
28 ACCORDING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSES," ARE REPEALED.

29 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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