

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY STUBAN, GAMBLE, LESCOVITZ, FOSTER AND NAHILL,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 13, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), entitled  
2 "An act specifically authorizing collective bargaining  
3 between policemen and firemen and their public employers;  
4 providing for arbitration in order to settle disputes, and  
5 requiring compliance with collective bargaining agreements  
6 and findings of arbitrators," restricting membership on the  
7 board of arbitration to certain individuals.

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

10 Section 1. Section 4(b) of the act of June 24, 1968  
11 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen  
12 Collective Bargaining Act, is amended to read:

13 Section 4. \* \* \*

14 (b) The board of arbitration shall be composed of three  
15 persons, one appointed by the public employer, one appointed by  
16 the body of policemen or firemen involved, and a third member to  
17 be agreed upon by the public employer and such policemen or  
18 firemen. When a political subdivision of this Commonwealth is  
19 the public employer, the three members of the board of  
20 arbitration, wherever possible, shall all be residents of the

1 county in which the political subdivision is located. The  
2 members of the board representing the public employer and the  
3 policemen or firemen shall be named within five days from the  
4 date of the request for the appointment of such board. If, after  
5 a period of ten days from the date of the appointment of the two  
6 arbitrators appointed by the public employer and by the  
7 policemen or firemen, the third arbitrator has not been selected  
8 by them, then either arbitrator may request the American  
9 Arbitration Association, or its successor in function, to  
10 furnish a list of three members of said association who are  
11 residents of Pennsylvania from which the third arbitrator shall  
12 be selected. The arbitrator appointed by the public employer  
13 shall eliminate one name from the list within five days after  
14 publication of the list, following which the arbitrator  
15 appointed by the policemen or firemen shall eliminate one name  
16 from the list within five days thereafter. The individual whose  
17 name remains on the list shall be the third arbitrator and shall  
18 act as chairman of the board of arbitration. The board of  
19 arbitration thus established shall commence the arbitration  
20 proceedings within ten days after the third arbitrator is  
21 selected and shall make its determination within thirty days  
22 after the appointment of the third arbitrator.

23       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.