

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 42

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INTRODUCED BY NAILOR, GABIG, GRELL AND KAUFFMAN,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 30, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, third,  
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,  
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating  
5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,  
6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the  
7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and  
8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," providing  
9 for the abolishment of the office of jury commissioner in  
10 certain counties.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 401 of the act of August 9, 1955  
14 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended by  
15 adding a subsection to read:

16 Section 401. Enumeration of Elected Officers.--\* \* \*

17 (f) The office of jury commissioner may be abolished by  
18 referendum at the option of each county which on the effective  
19 date of this subsection is a county of the fourth class having a  
20 population under the 2000 decennial census in excess of 210,000  
21 and retaining its classification from the preceding decade as a

result of the board of county commissioners not having elected  
by ordinance or resolution to advance its classification,  
whenever electors equal to at least five per centum of the  
highest vote cast for any office in the county at the last  
preceding general election file a petition with the county board  
of elections, or the board of county commissioners adopts, by a  
majority vote, a resolution to place such a question on the  
ballot and a copy of the resolution is filed with the county  
board of elections for a referendum on the question of  
abolishing the office of jury commissioner. Proceedings under  
this subsection shall be in accordance with the provisions of  
the "Pennsylvania Election Code." Upon approval of the  
referendum the office of jury commissioner shall expire at the  
completion of the current jury commissioner's term of office.  
The referendum shall not take place in any year in which the  
office of jury commissioner is on the ballot.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.