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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1668 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY KAVULICH, THOMAS, SCHLOSSBERG, FARINA, McNEILL,  
COHEN, D. COSTA, DRISCOLL, YOUNGBLOOD, SAINATO, DEAN AND  
SNYDER, OCTOBER 28, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 28, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled  
2 "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,  
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating  
4 thereto," in general provisions relating to township  
5 officers, further providing for appointments of police and  
6 firemen.

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

9 Section 1. Section 625 of the act of June 24, 1931  
10 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code,  
11 reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569), is  
12 amended to read:

13 Section 625. Appointments of Police and Firemen.--This  
14 subdivision (d) of this article shall not apply to any township  
15 having a police force of less than three members or to volunteer  
16 fire departments or companies employing their own operators or  
17 to townships having less than three salaried operators of fire  
18 apparatus. The subdivision (d) of this article is subject, as  
19 heretofore, to the power of the township commissioners to

1 determine compensation. Hereafter, each and every appointment to  
2 and promotion directly by the township shall be made only  
3 according to qualifications and fitness to be ascertained by  
4 examinations which shall be competitive, as hereinafter  
5 provided.

6 No person shall hereafter be suspended, removed or reduced in  
7 rank as a paid employe in any police force or as a paid operator  
8 of fire apparatus of any township, except in accordance with the  
9 provisions of this subdivision.

10 A chief of the fire department who has been removed from the  
11 bargaining unit under the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237,  
12 No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective  
13 Bargaining Act, by rulings of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations  
14 Board shall receive not less than the same dollar increase,  
15 including fringe benefits but excluding overtime and festive  
16 holiday pay, as received by the highest ranking paid fire  
17 officer participating in the bargaining unit.

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