

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 835

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INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, ROSS, STAUFFER, ORLANDO AND EWING,  
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REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 17, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class  
3 and second class A; amending revising, consolidating and  
4 changing the laws relating thereto," permitting advertisement  
5 of the titles and summarizations in lieu of the entire text  
6 of proposed ordinances.

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

9 Section 1. Section 508, act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723,  
10 No.230), known as the "Second Class County Code," amended July  
11 10, 1957 (P.L.669, No.353), is amended to read:

12 Section 508. Ordinances and Resolutions.--(a) The board of  
13 commissioners may adopt resolutions and ordinances prescribing  
14 the manner in which powers of the county shall be carried out  
15 and generally regulating the affairs of the county.

16 (b) The board of county commissioners may formulate and  
17 adopt ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, pertaining  
18 to the use of any property owned or used by the county and the  
19 conduct of persons in, on or about such county property, in  
20 order to preserve such property and to promote and preserve the

1 public health, safety and welfare. The rules and regulations  
2 shall be published, promulgated and become effective in the same  
3 manner as other resolutions and ordinances of the county.

4 (c) All such ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations  
5 unless otherwise provided by law, shall be published at least  
6 once in one newspaper of general circulation in the county.

7 Public notices of any proposed ordinance shall include either  
8 the full text thereof or the title and a brief summary prepared  
9 by the county solicitor setting forth all the provisions in  
10 reasonable detail and a reference to a place within the county  
11 where copies of the proposed ordinance may be examined. If the  
12 full text is not included a copy thereof shall be supplied to a  
13 newspaper of general circulation in the county at the time the  
14 public notice is published. Such ordinances, resolutions, rules  
15 and regulations shall not become effective until ten days after  
16 the publication aforesaid. In lieu of publishing the ordinances,  
17 resolutions, rules or regulations in their entirety, the county  
18 commissioners may publish the title or a summary thereof and the  
19 place where such ordinances, resolutions, rules or regulations,  
20 together with such maps, plans or drawings which may be part  
21 thereof, are on file and may be examined.

22 (d) Any person violating any of the ordinances, resolutions,  
23 rules and regulations, formulated and adopted by the board of  
24 county commissioners pursuant to this section, shall, upon  
25 conviction thereof at a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay  
26 such fine as may be prescribed in such ordinances, resolutions,  
27 rules and regulations by the county commissioners but not in  
28 excess of one hundred dollars (\$100), to be paid to the use of  
29 the county, with costs of prosecution, or to be imprisoned in  
30 the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

1       The board of county commissioners may also prescribe fines  
2   and penalties, not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), for  
3   the violation of county ordinances, which fines and penalties  
4   may be collected by suit brought in the name of the county in  
5   like manner as debts of like amount may be sued for.