

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1823

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OCTOBER 31, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 31, 1977

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 authorizing the facsimile signature of county treasurers and  
6 controllers on payroll checks.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1751, act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.#23,  
10 No.130), known as "The County Code," is amended to read:

11 Section 1751. Voucher Check System.--The controller shall  
12 draw and certify vouchers for all bills, claims and demands  
13 presented to him, which he approves and only for such as he  
14 approves, and shall forward the vouchers together with checks  
15 therefor with the bills, claims or demands to the county  
16 commissioners for their approval. If the county commissioners  
17 approve a voucher, at least two commissioners shall sign the  
18 check as properly drawn upon the county treasury. In such cases  
19 facsimiles of their signatures may be used. The bill, claim or

1 demand, and the voucher therefor, shall be returned to the  
2 controller for filing in his office and the check shall be  
3 forwarded to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall  
4 sign the check as his draft upon the county treasury, but he  
5 shall not sign any check not already signed, as herein provided,  
6 by the commissioners and the controller. Vouchers shall be  
7 numbered serially before the controller forwards them to the  
8 county commissioners and every check incident thereto shall bear  
9 the same serial number as the voucher as well as the number or  
10 numbers which may be put upon it by the county treasurer. If the  
11 county commissioners refuse to approve any bill, claim or  
12 demand, they shall return the same together with the voucher and  
13 check involved to the controller for filing in his office. In  
14 counties not having a controller, the county commissioners shall  
15 approve each transaction and the voucher and check shall be  
16 drawn by their chief clerk who shall keep files of the bills,  
17 claims or demands involved and of the vouchers. At least two  
18 commissioners shall sign the checks either personally or by  
19 facsimile, and they shall be forwarded, as hereinbefore  
20 provided, to the county treasurer for his signature. In all  
21 cases the cancelled checks shall be filed in the office of the  
22 county treasurer, but he shall transmit, at such times as the  
23 controller shall establish, a list of all checks paid from the  
24 county treasury and not previously transmitted, giving their  
25 voucher serial numbers. The county treasurer or controller is  
26 authorized to use a facsimile signature on any check meant for  
27 the payment of wages or salaries of county employees which he is  
28 required to sign.

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