

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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INTRODUCED BY BROUJOS, SWEET, NOYE, GODSHALL, BOOK, SHOWERS,
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CAPPABIANCA AND HESS, JULY 2, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JULY 2, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled "An
2 act concerning townships of the second class; and amending,
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating
4 thereto," authorizing a voter referendum to reduce the board
5 of supervisors from five to three members.

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

8 Section 1. Section 402 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103,
9 No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, reenacted and
10 amended July 10, 1947 (P.L.1481, No.567), is amended by adding
11 subsections to read:

12 Section 402. Officers to Be Elected.--* * *

13 (D) In townships in which the electorate has opted for a
14 five-member board, the township shall return to a three-member
15 board of supervisors upon petition of at least five per centum
16 (5%) of the registered electors of the township and upon the
17 approval by a majority of those electors voting at the next
18 municipal or general election. The referendum petition shall be
19 filed with the county board of elections not later than the

thirteenth Tuesday prior to the next municipal or general
election. The county board of elections shall place the question
before the electors in the same manner as questions are
presented under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1937
(P.L.1333, No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code."

The form of the question shall be as follows:

<u>Should this township return to a</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>three-member board of supervisors?</u>	<u>No</u>

The county board of elections shall tabulate and publish the
results of the referendum within thirty days of the election. In
no event shall the question of reducing the five-member board of
supervisors be voted on more than once in any six-year period.

(E) If, at the first municipal election following the
approval by the voters of the question providing for the
reduction of the board of supervisors, there had been scheduled
to be elected one supervisor, such supervisor shall be elected
for a term of four years. In the municipal election following
the election where one supervisor was elected, there shall be
elected two supervisors, one for a four-year term and the other
for a six-year term. Thereafter, at each municipal election,
there shall be elected one supervisor for a term of six years.
If, at the first municipal election following the approval by
the voters of the question providing for the reduction of the
board of supervisors, there had been scheduled to be elected two
supervisors followed by a single supervisor at the municipal
election two years after that, then at the first municipal
election following the approval, one supervisor shall be elected
for a four-year term and the other supervisor shall be elected
for a six-year term. Thereafter, at each municipal election,
there shall be elected one supervisor for a term of six years.

1 If, at the first two municipal elections following the approval
2 by the voters of the question providing for the reduction of the
3 board of supervisors, there had been scheduled to be elected two
4 supervisors, then at the first municipal election following
5 approval, two supervisors shall be elected, one for a term of
6 two years and one for a term of six years. Thereafter, at each
7 municipal election, there shall be elected one supervisor for a
8 term of six years.

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