

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2481 Session of
1992

INTRODUCED BY GALLEN, MARCH 11, 1992

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 11, 1992

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," providing for payment for certain sewer pumping
5 equipment.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1501 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 a
11 subsection to read:

12 Section 1501. Power to Establish and Construct Sewers and
13 Drains.--* * *

14 (b.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and
15 (b), when the property owner of an existing dwelling is required
16 to connect to a township sanitary sewer system and the grade
17 from the dwelling to the sewer line is such that a pump is
18 necessary to pump sewage from the dwelling into the sewer line,
19 the expense of any necessary pumping equipment and its

1 installation and maintenance shall be the responsibility of the
2 township.

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4 Section 2. Section 1501.1 of the act, added January 14, 1952
5 (1951 P.L.1989, No.555), is amended to read:

6 Section 1501.1. Sewer System Established or Constructed by
7 Municipality Authorities; Connection and Use by Owners;

8 Enforcement.--(a) Whenever a sewer system is or shall have been
9 established or constructed by a municipality authority within a
10 township of the second class, the township supervisors shall be
11 empowered, by ordinance, to compel all owners of property
12 accessible to and whose principal building is within one hundred
13 fifty feet from such sewer system to make connection therewith
14 and use such sewer system in such manner as they may order. The
15 township supervisors may, by ordinance, impose penalties to
16 enforce any regulation or order they may ordain with reference
17 to any sewer connections. In case any owner of property
18 accessible to and whose principal building is within one hundred
19 fifty feet from a sewer system established or constructed by a
20 municipality authority shall neglect or refuse to connect with
21 said sewer system for a period of sixty days after notice to do
22 so has been served upon him by the township supervisors, either
23 by personal service or by registered mail, the township
24 supervisors or their agents may enter upon such property and
25 construct such connection. In such case, the township
26 supervisors shall forthwith, upon completion of the work, send
27 an itemized bill of the cost of the construction of such
28 connection to the owner of the property to which connection has
29 been so made, which bill shall be payable forthwith. In case of
30 neglect or refusal by the owner of such property to pay said

1 bill, it shall be the duty of the township supervisors to file
2 municipal liens for said construction within six months of the
3 date of the completion of the construction of said connection,
4 the same to be subject in all respects to the general law
5 provided for the filing and recovery of municipal liens.

6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), when
7 the property owner of an existing dwelling is required to
8 connect to a sanitary sewer system established or constructed by
9 a municipality authority within a township of the second class
10 and the grade from the dwelling to the sewer line is such that a
11 pump is necessary to pump sewage from the dwelling into the
12 sewer line, the expense of any necessary pumping equipment and
13 its installation and maintenance shall be the responsibility of
14 the township or the municipality authority.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.