

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1756 Session of  
1993

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, WILLIAMS, VEON, HENNESSEY, BISHOP AND  
BUTKOVITZ, JUNE 9, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JUNE 9, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 21, 1949 (P.L.665, No.155), entitled  
2 "An act to carry into effect section one of article fifteen  
3 of the Constitution, giving cities of the first class the  
4 right and power to frame, adopt and amend their own charters  
5 and to exercise the powers and authority of local self-  
6 government, and providing the procedure therefor; imposing  
7 certain restrictions, limitations and regulations; imposing  
8 duties upon city councils, city officers, county boards of  
9 elections, courts and the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and  
10 providing for the payment of certain expenses by such cities;  
11 and imposing penalties," deleting the limit on fines.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 17 of the act of April 21, 1949 (P.L.665,  
15 No.155), known as the First Class City Home Rule Act, is amended  
16 to read:

17 Section 17. General Grant of Power and Authority.--Subject  
18 to the limitations hereinafter prescribed, the city taking  
19 advantage of this act and framing and adopting or amending its  
20 charter thereunder shall have and may exercise all powers and  
21 authority of local self-government and shall have complete  
22 powers of legislation and administration in relation to its

1 municipal functions, including the power and authority to  
2 prescribe the elective city officers, who shall be nominated and  
3 elected only in the manner provided by, and in accordance with,  
4 the provisions of the Pennsylvania Election Code and its  
5 amendments, for the nomination and election of municipal  
6 officers. The charter of any city adopted or amended in  
7 accordance with this act may provide for a form or system of  
8 municipal government and for the exercise of any and all powers  
9 relating to its municipal functions, not inconsistent with the  
10 Constitution of the United States or of this Commonwealth, to  
11 the full extent that the General Assembly may legislate in  
12 reference thereto as to cities of the first class, and with like  
13 effect, and the city may enact ordinances, rules and regulations  
14 necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing  
15 powers and all other powers vested in the city by the charter it  
16 adopts or by this or any other law. Ordinances, rules and  
17 regulations adopted under the authority of this act or under the  
18 provisions of any charter adopted or amended hereunder shall be  
19 enforceable by the imposition of fines, forfeitures and  
20 penalties, [not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300),] and by  
21 imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety days.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.