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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL  
No. 2027 Session of  
2003

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INTRODUCED BY ROBERTS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, MARCH 31, 2004

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), entitled "An  
2 act to promote elimination of blighted areas and supply  
3 sanitary housing in areas throughout the Commonwealth; by  
4 declaring acquisition, sound replanning and redevelopment of  
5 such areas to be for the promotion of health, safety,  
6 convenience and welfare; creating public bodies corporate and  
7 politic to be known as Redevelopment Authorities; authorizing  
8 them to engage in the elimination of blighted areas and to  
9 plan and contract with private, corporate or governmental  
10 redevelopers for their redevelopment; providing for the  
11 organization of such authorities; defining and providing for  
12 the exercise of their powers and duties, including the  
13 acquisition of property by purchase, gift or eminent domain;  
14 the leasing and selling of property, including borrowing  
15 money, issuing bonds and other obligations, and giving  
16 security therefor; restricting the interest of members and  
17 employees of authorities; providing for notice and hearing;  
18 supplying certain mandatory provisions to be inserted in  
19 contracts with redevelopers; prescribing the remedies of  
20 obligees of redevelopment authorities; conferring certain  
21 duties upon local planning commissions, the governing bodies  
22 of cities and counties, and on certain State officers, boards  
23 and departments," further providing for appointment and  
24 qualifications of members of authority AND FOR POWERS OF  
25 AUTHORITY. <—

26 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
27 hereby enacts as follows:

28 Section 1. Section 5 of the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991,

1 No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, is amended to  
2 read:

3 Section 5. Appointment and Qualifications of Members of  
4 Authority.--Upon certification of a resolution declaring the  
5 need for an Authority to operate in a city or county, the mayor  
6 or board of county commissioners thereof, respectively, shall  
7 appoint, as members of the Authority, five citizens who, EXCEPT <—  
8 IN THE CASE OF CITIES OF THE THIRD CLASS, shall be residents of  
9 the city or county in which the Authority is to operate ~~and, in.~~ <—  
10 ~~IN the case of a city of the third class, five persons, the~~ <—  
11 ~~majority of whom shall be citizens of the city and the remainder~~  
12 ~~of whom may be~~ CITY OF THE THIRD CLASS, A MAJORITY OF THE <—  
13 MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND THE  
14 REMAINDER MAY BE nonresidents who own and operate businesses in  
15 the city in which the Authority is to operate.

16 SECTION 2. SECTION 9 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A <—  
17 CLAUSE TO READ:

18 SECTION 9. POWERS OF AN AUTHORITY.--AN AUTHORITY SHALL  
19 CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC BODY, CORPORATE AND POLITIC, EXERCISING  
20 PUBLIC POWERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AS AN AGENCY THEREOF, WHICH  
21 POWERS SHALL INCLUDE ALL POWERS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO  
22 CARRY OUT AND EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES AND PROVISIONS OF THIS  
23 ACT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING POWERS IN ADDITION TO THOSE HEREIN  
24 OTHERWISE GRANTED:

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26 (CC) TO OWN OR OPERATE FACILITIES PROVIDING WATER, SEWER,  
27 STEAM, ELECTRIC OR NATURAL GAS SERVICES TO PERSONS OR BUSINESSES  
28 LOCATED WITHIN A REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND SURROUNDING AREAS. SUCH  
29 SERVICES SHALL BE UNDER THE SAME AUTHORITY AND SUBJECT TO THE  
30 SAME CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS THAT APPLY TO MUNICIPAL

1 AUTHORITIES UNDER 53 PA.C.S. CH. 56 (RELATING TO MUNICIPAL  
2 AUTHORITIES).

3 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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