THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1671 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY GRUCELA, ROSS, FREEMAN, GINGRICH AND KESSLER, JUNE 12, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 12, 2009

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 14, 1963 (P.L.839, No.407), entitled, as amended, "An act creating a county records committee; 2 imposing powers and duties upon it; authorizing the 3 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to assist and 4 cooperate with it; defining county records; and authorizing 5 the disposition of certain county records by county officers 6 in counties of the second to eighth class," increasing the 7 membership of the committee. 8 9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 10 hereby enacts as follows: 11 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of August 14, 1963 (P.L.839, 12 No.407), entitled, as amended, "An act creating a county records 13 committee; imposing powers and duties upon it; authorizing the 14 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to assist and 15 cooperate with it; defining county records; and authorizing the 16 disposition of certain county records by county officers in 17 counties of the second to eighth class," amended February 18, 18 1998 (P.L.181, No.29), is amended to read: 19 Section 1. There is hereby created a county records 20 committee which shall consist of [fifteen] sixteen members who

shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years. One

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- 1 member of the committee shall be the Chief Justice of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Supreme Court, or his judicial representative, one
- 3 a representative of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
- 4 Commission, one an attorney, one a prothonotary, one a clerk of
- 5 courts, one a county commissioner, one a county controller or
- 6 auditor, one a district attorney, one a county treasurer, one a
- 7 sheriff, one a register of wills, one a recorder of deeds, one a
- 8 <u>clerk of orphans' court,</u> one a jury commissioner, one a coroner,
- 9 and the other a member of the general public. The committee
- 10 shall select one of its members to serve as chairman. Within the
- 11 means at its command, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
- 12 Commission shall assist and cooperate with the county records
- 13 committee by providing for its necessary expenses, by providing
- 14 for examining and inventorying county records for the
- 15 preparation of schedules, and by enforcing such schedules and
- 16 procedures as the county records committee may make or revise
- 17 under the provisions of this act.
- 18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.