

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 47 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY ROBBINS, MELLOW AND LOGAN, JANUARY 20, 2009

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, JANUARY 20, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," further providing for
4 establishment of county boards and expenses.

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

7 Section 1. Section 415 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
8 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended to read:

9 Section 415. Establishment of County Boards; Expenses.--For
10 each county of the Commonwealth, there is hereby established a
11 county board of assistance, to be known as the County Board of
12 Assistance and referred to in this Article IV as the "county
13 board," which shall be composed of men and women, to be
14 appointed by the Governor [with the advice and consent of two-
15 thirds of all members of the Senate]. Each appointment by the
16 Governor shall bear the endorsement of the senator of the
17 district in which the nominee resides. In the case of a vacancy
18 in that senatorial district, the nominee shall be endorsed by
19 the senator of an adjacent district. The county boards shall be

1 composed as far as possible of persons engaged or interested in
2 business, social welfare, labor, industry, education or public
3 administration. The members of the county boards shall serve
4 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary
5 expenses. No member of a county board shall hold office in any
6 political party. Not all of the members of a county board shall
7 belong to the same political party.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.