

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1446 Session of  
2011

INTRODUCED BY ROSS, GINGRICH, CREIGHTON, FREEMAN AND  
SANTARSIERO, MAY 3, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 3, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled  
2 "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,  
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating  
4 thereto," further providing for township manager.

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

7 Section 1. Clause IV of section 1502 of the act of June 24,  
8 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code,  
9 reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569) and  
10 amended July 2, 1953 (P.L.326, No.71), is amended to read:

11 Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first  
12 class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners.

13 The board shall have power--

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15 IV. Township Manager. To create, by ordinance, the office of  
16 township manager, and in like manner to abolish the same. The  
17 township manager shall serve at the pleasure of the board of  
18 commissioners, subject to contractual rights that may arise  
19 under an employment agreement that may be entered in accordance

1 with this clause.

2       The powers[, duties, term of office, and compensation] and  
3 duties of the township manager shall be regulated by ordinance.

4 The board of commissioners may enter into an employment

5 agreement with the township manager. The employment agreement

6 may set forth the terms and conditions of employment, and the

7 agreement may provide that it shall remain in effect for a

8 specified period terminating no later than two years after the

9 effective date of the agreement or the date of the board of

10 commissioners' organizational meeting following the next

11 municipal election, whichever shall first occur. An employment

12 agreement entered into pursuant to this clause may specify

13 conditions under which a township manager would be entitled to

14 severance compensation, but in no event shall an employment

15 agreement guarantee employment through the term of the agreement

16 or confer upon the township manager any legal remedy based on

17 specific performance. The commissioners may delegate, subject to

18 recall, any of their respective non-legislative and non-judicial

19 powers and duties to the township manager. He shall, if required

20 by the township commissioners, give a bond to the township, with

21 a surety company or other company authorized by law to act as

22 surety, to be approved by the commissioners, in such sum as it

23 shall, by ordinance or resolution, direct, conditioned for the

24 faithful performance of his duties.

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26       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.