

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1549 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY MASSER, SAINATO, BROOKS, R. BROWN, CREIGHTON,
EVANKOVICH, FARRY, GILLEN, HACKETT, HAHN, SCAVELLO AND
CULVER, MAY 18, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 18, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, third,
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating
5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,
6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the
7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and
8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," in names and
9 corporate powers and classification of counties, further
10 providing for counties divided into nine classes.

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

13 Section 1. Section 210 of the act of August 9, 1955
14 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, amended December
15 17, 2001 (P.L.919, No.107), is amended to read:

16 Section 210. Counties Divided Into Nine Classes.--For the
17 purposes of legislation and the regulation of their affairs,
18 counties of this Commonwealth, now in existence and those
19 hereafter created, shall be divided into nine classes as
20 follows:

21 (1) First Class Counties, those having a population of

1 1,500,000 inhabitants and over.

2 (2) Second Class Counties, those having a population of
3 800,000 and more but less than 1,500,000 inhabitants.

4 (2.1) Second Class A Counties, those having a population of
5 500,000 and more but less than 800,000 inhabitants.

6 (3) Third Class Counties, those having a population of
7 210,000 and more but less than 500,000 inhabitants.

8 (4) Fourth Class Counties, those having a population of
9 145,000 and more but less than 210,000 inhabitants.

10 (5) Fifth Class Counties, those having a population of
11 [95,000] 90,000 and more but less than 145,000 inhabitants.

12 (6) Sixth Class Counties, those having a population of
13 45,000 and more but less than [95,000] 90,000 inhabitants and
14 those having a population of 35,000 and more but less than
15 45,000 inhabitants which by ordinance or resolution of the Board
16 of County Commissioners elect to be a county of the sixth class.

17 (7) Seventh Class Counties, those having a population of
18 20,000 or more but less than 45,000 inhabitants and those having
19 a population of 35,000 and more but less than 45,000 inhabitants
20 which have not elected to be a county of the sixth class.

21 (8) Eighth Class Counties, those having a population of less
22 than 20,000 inhabitants.

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