
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 11, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in local organizations and services,
3 further providing for general authority of political
4 subdivisions.

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

7 Section 1. Section 7501(d) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes, amended April 20, 2020 (P.L.82, No.15),
9 is amended to read:

10 § 7501. General authority of political subdivisions.

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12 (d) Temporary suspension of formal requirements.--Each
13 political subdivision included in a declaration of disaster
14 emergency declared by either the Governor or the governing body
15 of the political subdivision affected by the disaster emergency
16 is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this section
17 in the light of the exigencies of the emergency situation
18 without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities

1 prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional
2 requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work,
3 entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the
4 employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the
5 purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes and the
6 appropriation and expenditure of public funds. Notwithstanding
7 any other provision of law, the governing body, board or
8 commission of a political subdivision shall not be required to
9 have a quorum physically present at any one location in order to
10 conduct business if a quorum is otherwise established by the
11 participating members through an authorized telecommunication
12 device.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.