

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

*Working towards more effective and efficient local government for Pennsylvania*

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# Who We Are

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The Local Government Commission is a bicameral, bipartisan legislative service agency of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, created in 1935 by an Act of Assembly.

Five Senators and five Representatives, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively, constitute the Commission.

The ten Members, three from the majority party and two from the minority party in each chamber, collectively work by consensus for more effective and efficient local government.



# What We Do

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Provide an exceptional service to the General Assembly, bridging the gap between constituents and improvements for local governments.

Address both long-term, complex municipal issues, and immediate legislative and constituent needs.

Produce results that often are more difficult to achieve or cannot be achieved through caucus staff or advocacy groups alone.

Actively participating in ad hoc and advisory committees along with municipal associations and state agencies.

Facilitating internship opportunities and continuing to garner relationships with academic and professional institutions alike.



# Our Staff

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**A qualified experienced research staff composed of research analysts and attorneys** specializing in many facets of local government and answering thousands of substantive inquiries each session.

- Working with Members and Staff of the General Assembly, municipal associations, agency personnel and constituents while concurrently conducting ongoing projects and drafting legislation for the Commission and other Members.
- Analyzing complex issues; Providing prompt, thorough and objective research.



# One-of-a-Kind Resources

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*Pennsylvania Legislator's Municipal Deskbook* – over 50 articles answering member and constituent questions about local government (available online).

*Quarterly Legal Update* – local government related cases-in-brief (available online).

*Summaries of Acts Signed into Law* – concise summaries of all enactments and vetoes (searchable online).

*Local Government Symposium* – annual forum for academics, elected officials, and practitioners to discuss emerging issues as they relate to local government.



# Recent Projects

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Drawing Lines: Variance in Municipal Boundary Maps, *February 2023*

Identifying Success Indicators Among Pennsylvania Municipal PILOT Agreements, *May 2020*

County Code & Second Class County Code Consolidation & Revision, *December 2018*

Property Assessment Reform Task Force, *August 2018*

Supplement to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, *December 2017*



# Recently Enacted Legislation

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*Act 41 of 2022*-amended Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) to clarify and expand home repairs that would not trigger a reassessment of residential property and harmonize, codify and expand provisions related to municipal boundary line dispute, discernment, and change.

*Act 19 of 2022* – amended the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, in municipal financial distress, further providing for designation and for performance of coordinator; and, in receivership in municipalities, further providing for receiver.

*Act 18 of 2022* – amended the act of October 27, 1979 (P.L.241, No.78), entitled "An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received," further providing for title of the act; adding a short title; and providing for contracts for services.

*Act 74 of 2021* – amended the County Code to suspend changes in county classification until the after the 2030 census unless a county approves a change that would otherwise result from the 2020 census.



# Thank You

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