

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 29, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581),
2 entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending
3 and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," providing
4 for cable television service to borough inhabitants.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2471, act of February 1, 1966 (1965
8 P.L.1656, No.581), known as "The Borough Code," is amended to
9 read:

10 Section 2471. Manufacture and Purchase of Electricity.--Any
11 borough may manufacture or purchase electricity for the use of
12 the inhabitants of such borough. Any borough owning or operating
13 electric light plants may make contracts for supplying
14 electricity for commercial purposes outside the limits of such
15 borough, with the consent of the municipal and township
16 authorities. Nothing in this section shall conflict with the
17 corporate rights of any corporation empowered to supply
18 electricity in territory adjacent to such boroughs, or with the

1 rights of any other borough. No person, firm, or corporation
2 shall introduce electric current for light, heat, or power
3 purposes, without the consent of the borough authorities, into
4 the limits of any borough which is furnishing electric current
5 to the inhabitants: Provided, however, That this section shall
6 not apply to any person, firm, or corporation manufacturing
7 electricity exclusively for its own use: And provided further,
8 That before any borough shall construct an electric light plant,
9 or purchase the property of any person, copartnership, or
10 electric light company, the question of the increase of the debt
11 of such borough, for any of such purposes, shall first be
12 submitted to the qualified voters of the borough, in the manner
13 provided by law for the increase of indebtedness of municipal
14 corporations. Any borough which purchases electricity for the
15 use of the inhabitants of the borough may also own, operate and
16 provide cable television service to the borough inhabitants.
17 ~~Borough council shall have full power to set the rates for cable~~ <—
18 ~~television service and provide reasonable regulations for cable~~
19 ~~television systems.~~

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