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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1661** Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY DOMBROWSKI, BELLOMINI, MILLIRON, HASKELL AND  
DiCARLO, JULY 22, 1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JULY 23, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 31, 1933 (P.L.1108, No.272), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act providing for the appointment, promotion,  
3 reduction, removal and reinstatement of paid officers,  
4 firemen and employes of fire departments and of fire alarm  
5 operators and fire box inspectors in the bureaus of  
6 electricity in cities of the third class; defining the powers  
7 and duties of civil service commissions for such purposes;  
8 and fixing penalties," further providing for reductions for  
9 reasons of economy.

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

12 Section 1. Section 11, act of May 31, 1933 (P.L.1108,  
13 No.272), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the  
14 appointment; promotion, reduction, removal and reinstatement of  
15 paid officers, firemen and employes of fire departments and of  
16 fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors in the bureaus of  
17 electricity in cities of the third class; defining the powers  
18 and duties of civil service commissions for such purposes; and  
19 fixing penalties," is amended to read:

20 Section 11. If for reasons of economy, or other reasons, it  
21 shall be deemed necessary by any city to reduce the number of

1 paid members of any fire department, or the number of fire alarm  
2 operators or fire box inspectors in the bureau of electricity,  
3 then such city shall follow the following procedure:

4 [First. If there are any paid firemen, fire alarm operators  
5 or fire box inspectors eligible for retirement under the terms  
6 of any pension fund, then such reduction in numbers shall be  
7 made by retirement on pension of all the oldest in age and  
8 service.

9 Second. If the number of paid firemen, fire alarm operators  
10 and fire box inspectors eligible for retirement under the  
11 pension fund of said city, if any, is insufficient to effect the  
12 reduction in number desired by said city, or if there is no  
13 eligible person for retirement, or if no pension fund exists in  
14 said city, then the] The reduction shall be effected by  
15 suspending the last man or men, including probationers, that  
16 have been appointed. Such removal shall be accomplished by  
17 suspending in numerical order, commencing with the last man  
18 appointed, all recent appointees until such reduction shall have  
19 been accomplished. Whenever such fire department or fire alarm  
20 operators or fire box inspectors in the bureau of electricity  
21 shall again be increased in numbers to the strength existing  
22 prior to such reduction of members, or if any vacancies occur,  
23 the employes suspended under the terms of this act shall be  
24 reinstated to their former class before any new appointees are  
25 appointed.

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