

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL****No. 308** Session of  
1989

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SHAFFER AND ANDREZESKI, JANUARY 26, 1989

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SENATOR PECORA, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED,  
FEBRUARY 14, 1989

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled "An  
2 act concerning townships of the second class; and amending,  
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating  
4 thereto," further providing for certain fiscal training for  
5 managers or certain employees.

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

8 Section 1. Section 599.1 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103,  
9 No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, reenacted and  
10 amended July 10, 1947 (P.L.1481, No.567) and amended June 27,  
11 1973 (P.L.74, No.33), is amended to read:

12 Section 599.1. Appointment, Removal, Powers and Duties;  
13 Compensation; Bond.--(a) The supervisors may by ordinance, at  
14 any time, create the office of township manager and may, in like  
15 manner, abolish the same. While said office exists the  
16 supervisors shall, from time to time, and, whenever there is a  
17 vacancy, by majority vote, elect one person to fill said office,  
18 who shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified.

1 Any such township manager shall be subject to removal by the  
2 supervisors by majority vote.

3 (b) The powers and duties of the township manager shall be  
4 fixed by ordinance. The compensation shall be set by resolution  
5 and paid out of the general fund of the township. The  
6 supervisors may delegate, subject to recall, any of their non-  
7 legislative powers and duties to the township manager. He shall  
8 give bond to the township, with sufficient surety, to be  
9 approved by the supervisors, in such sum as they shall by  
10 ordinance direct, conditioned for the faithful performance of  
11 his duties.

12 (c) The office of township manager shall not be deemed  
13 incompatible with the office of township secretary, township  
14 treasurer, or any other township office or employment, except  
15 that of supervisor.

16 (d) The manager or any other employe charged with  
17 administration of the fiscal affairs of the township shall be  
18 trained in municipal fiscal practices within one year of his  
19 employment. The township shall be responsible for the cost of  
20 training. For purposes of training, seminars or programs  
21 conducted by the Department of Community Affairs shall be deemed  
22 acceptable. Such courses shall include basic budgeting and  
23 either municipal accounting or municipal bookkeeping. Non-  
24 compliance with the training requirements on the part of the  
25 manager or any other employe charged with administration of the  
26 fiscal affairs of the township shall result in termination of  
27 employment with said township. ANY PERSON WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY  
28 EMPLOYED BY ANOTHER TOWNSHIP OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AS A MANAGER  
29 OR WAS CHARGED BY THAT TOWNSHIP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
30 FISCAL AFFAIRS, AND WHO DURING THE TENURE OF THAT EMPLOYMENT

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1 FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION, SHALL BE EXEMPTED  
2 FROM FURTHER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.  
3 ADDITIONALLY, PERSONS WHO HOLD A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC  
4 ADMINISTRATION, MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, OR A  
5 SIMILAR ADVANCED DEGREE, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE TRAINING  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

7       Section 2.   Section 599.1(d) shall apply to township managers  
8 and fiscal officers who do not have at least five years  
9 experience as a municipal manager or fiscal officer and to those  
10 who are appointed as a manager or fiscal officer after the  
11 effective date of this amendatory act who do not have the five  
12 years experience.

13       Section 3.   This act shall take effect immediately.