

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 637 Session of  
1991

INTRODUCED BY PETRARCA, DeLUCA, FEE, OLASZ, PRESTON, PISTELLA,  
TRELLO, LAUGHLIN, VAN HORNE, BILLOW, BELFANTI, DALEY, CAWLEY,  
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E. Z. TAYLOR, JAMES AND KRUSZEWSKI, MARCH 12, 1991

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 5, 1992

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.388, No.84), entitled "An  
2 act requiring public agencies to hold certain meetings and  
3 hearings open to the public; and providing penalties,"  
4 ~~further providing for certain public meetings.~~ PROVIDING FOR <—  
5 PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

8 Section 1. The act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.388, No.84), known  
9 as the Sunshine Act, is amended by adding a section to read:

10 Section 10.1. Public comment.

11 ~~The board or council of any county, city, borough, township~~ <—  
12 ~~or school district shall provide a reasonable period of time~~  
13 ~~during each meeting for any members of the public who are~~  
14 ~~present at the meeting and who are residents of said county,~~  
15 ~~city, borough, township or school district to address the board~~  
16 ~~or council. Each person who addresses the board or council shall~~  
17 ~~be allowed a reasonable period of time to speak.~~

1     THE BOARD OR COUNCIL OF ANY COUNTY, CITY, BOROUGH, TOWN,  
2     TOWNSHIP OR SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE A REASONABLE  
3     OPPORTUNITY AT EACH MEETING FOR RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS TO  
4     ADDRESS THE BOARD OR COUNCIL ON MATTERS OF CONCERN. IN ADDITION,  
5     NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL LIMIT THE ABILITY OF THE BOARD OR  
6     COUNCIL OF ANY COUNTY, CITY, BOROUGH, TOWN, TOWNSHIP OR SCHOOL  
7     DISTRICT TO CONDUCT SPECIAL MEETINGS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM  
8     RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS.

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