

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 637 Session of
1991

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E. Z. TAYLOR, JAMES AND KRUSZEWSKI, MARCH 12, 1991

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
MARCH 10, 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 OPEN MEETINGS BY PROHIBITING CERTAIN
5 RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND providing for 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 1. SECTION 10 OF THE ACT OF JULY 3, 1986 (P.L.388, <—
11 NO.84), KNOWN AS THE SUNSHINE ACT, IS AMENDED TO READ:

12 SECTION 10. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS.

13 (A) AGENCY RULES. --NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL PROHIBIT THE
14 AGENCY FROM ADOPTING, BY OFFICIAL ACTION, THE RULES AND
15 REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS MEETINGS AND THE
16 MAINTENANCE OF ORDER. THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL NOT BE
17 MADE TO VIOLATE THE INTENT OF THIS ACT.

1 (B) MULTIPLE MEETING SITES.--NO AGENCY SHALL ADOPT OR
2 APPROVE ANY RULE OR REGULATION WHICH WILL PERMIT AN OPEN MEETING
3 TO BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS OR AT TWO
4 DIFFERENT SITES AT THE SAME LOCATION.

5 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
6 Section 10.1. Public comment.

7 The board or council of any county, city, borough, town,
8 township or school district shall provide a reasonable
9 opportunity at each meeting for residents and taxpayers to
10 address the board or council on matters of concern. In addition,
11 nothing in this section shall limit the ability of the board or
12 council of any county, city, borough, town, township or school
13 district to conduct special meetings to receive comments from
14 residents and taxpayers; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH SPECIAL <—
15 MEETINGS BE CONVENED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE REGULAR MEETING WHICH
16 CREATED THE NEED FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING.

17 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <—