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DERMODY, OLASZ, VEON, PLATTS AND SERAFINI, JANUARY 27, 1993

SENATOR SCHWARTZ, STATE GOVERNMENT, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
APRIL 28, 1993

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 providing for public comment.

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

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

9 Section 10.1. Public comment.

10 (a) General rule.--The board or council of any county, city,
11 borough, town, township or school district shall provide a
12 reasonable opportunity at each ~~regular meeting~~ for ADVERTISED <—
13 REGULAR MEETING AND ADVERTISED SPECIAL MEETING FOR MEDIA
14 REPRESENTATIVES, residents and taxpayers to address the board or
15 council on matters of concern in that county, city, borough,
16 town, township or school district. In addition, nothing in this
17 section shall limit the ability of the board or council of any

1 county, city, borough, town, township or school district to
2 conduct special meetings to receive comments from MEDIA <—
3 REPRESENTATIVES, residents and taxpayers; provided, however,
4 that such special meetings be convened in advance of the next
5 regular meeting.

6 (b) Judicial relief unavailable.--A violation of subsection
7 (a) shall not be grounds for judicial relief under section 13.

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