

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1248 Session of
1993

INTRODUCED BY LESCOVITZ, PISTELLA, BATTISTO, D. W. SNYDER AND
MERRY, APRIL 19, 1993

SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, NOVEMBER 14, 1994

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled~~ <—
2 ~~"An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth,~~
3 ~~sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising,~~
4 ~~consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto,"~~
5 ~~PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF JURY COMMISSIONERS; AND~~ <—
6 ~~further providing for contract procedures.~~
7 ESTABLISHING THE ZOOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT FUND; PROVIDING FOR <—
8 TRANSFERS FROM THE MOTOR LICENSE FUND; AND MAKING AN
9 APPROPRIATION.

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

12 ~~Section 1. The introductory paragraph of subsection (h) of~~ <—
13 ~~section 1802 of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130),~~
14 ~~known as The County Code, amended July 10, 1990 (P.L.379,~~
15 ~~No.89), is amended to read:~~

16 ~~SECTION 1. SECTION 401 OF THE ACT OF AUGUST 9, 1955~~ <—
17 ~~(P.L.323, NO.130), KNOWN AS THE COUNTY CODE, IS AMENDED BY~~
18 ~~ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:~~

19 ~~SECTION 401. ENUMERATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS. * * *~~

20 ~~(D) THE OFFICE OF JURY COMMISSIONER MAY BE ABOLISHED AT THE~~

1 ~~OPTION OF EACH COUNTY BY REFERENDUM, WHENEVER ELECTORS EQUAL TO~~
2 ~~AT LEAST FIVE PER CENTUM OF THE HIGHEST VOTE CAST FOR ANY OFFICE~~
3 ~~IN THE COUNTY AT THE LAST PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION SHALL FILE~~
4 ~~A PETITION WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF THE COUNTY, OR~~
5 ~~THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY ADOPTS, BY A MAJORITY VOTE, A~~
6 ~~RESOLUTION TO PLACE SUCH A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AND A COPY OF~~
7 ~~THE RESOLUTION IS FILED WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF THE~~
8 ~~COUNTY FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF ABOLISHING THE OFFICE~~
9 ~~OF JURY COMMISSIONER.~~

10 ~~(E) PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE~~
11 ~~WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,~~
12 ~~NO.320), KNOWN AS THE "PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE."~~

13 ~~SECTION 2. THE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 1802(H) OF~~
14 ~~THE ACT, AMENDED JULY 10, 1990 (P.L.379, NO.89), IS AMENDED TO~~
15 ~~READ:~~

16 ~~Section 1802. Contract Procedures; Terms and Bonds;~~
17 ~~Advertising for Bids. * * *~~

18 ~~(h) The contracts or purchases made by the commissioners~~
19 ~~{involving an expenditure of over ten thousand dollars~~
20 ~~(\$10,000)} which shall not require advertising [or], bidding or~~
21 ~~price quotations, as hereinbefore provided, are as follows:~~

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23 ~~SECTION 3. (A) THE OFFICE OF JURY COMMISSIONER SHALL~~ <—
24 ~~EXPIRE AT THE COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT JURY COMMISSIONERS'~~
25 ~~TERMS OF OFFICE.~~

26 ~~(B) THE REFERENDUM PROVIDED IN SECTION 401(D) OF THE ACT~~
27 ~~SHALL TAKE PLACE IN ANY YEAR IN WHICH THE OFFICE OF JURY~~
28 ~~COMMISSIONER IS NOT ON THE BALLOT.~~

29 ~~Section 2 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~ <—

30 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. <—

1 THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE ZOOLOGICAL
2 ENHANCEMENT FUND ACT.

3 SECTION 2. ZOOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT FUND.

4 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A SPECIAL
5 ACCOUNT IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE
6 ZOOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT FUND. THE PURPOSE OF THE ZOOLOGICAL
7 ENHANCEMENT FUND IS TO ASSIST PENNSYLVANIA NONPROFIT ZOOLOGICAL
8 INSTITUTIONS ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN ZOO AND AQUARIUM
9 ASSOCIATION AND LICENSED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
10 AGRICULTURE TO FULFILL THEIR CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND
11 RECREATION MISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

12 (B) COMPOSITION.--THE FUND SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SUCH MONEYS
13 AS MAY BE GENERATED BY THE SALE OF THE SPECIAL ZOOLOGICAL
14 REGISTRATION PLATE AND TRANSFERRED FROM THE MOTOR LICENSE FUND
15 TO THE ZOOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT FUND.

16 (C) APPROPRIATION.--ALL MONEYS IN THE ZOOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT
17 FUND ARE HEREBY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND MAY BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES
19 AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.

20 (D) APPROVAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.--ESTIMATES OF
21 AMOUNTS TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO
22 THE GOVERNOR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR HIS
23 APPROVAL.

24 (E) EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED APPROVED ESTIMATES.--THE
25 STATE TREASURER SHALL NOT HONOR ANY REQUISITION FOR EXPENDITURES
26 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IN EXCESS OF THE
27 ESTIMATES APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR OR IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT
28 AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE REQUISITION WAS MADE,
29 WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER AMOUNT.

30 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

1 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.