

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL****No. 666** Session of  
1997

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INTRODUCED BY ROBBINS, THOMPSON AND STOUT, MARCH 12, 1997

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JUNE 1, 1998

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581),  
2 entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending  
3 and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," further  
4 providing for the State Association of Boroughs and for  
5 regional borough associations.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 701 and 702 of the act of February 1,  
9 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, amended  
10 January 28, 1988 (P.L.21, No.10), are amended to read:

11 Section 701. State Association of Boroughs.--(a) The  
12 boroughs of the Commonwealth are authorized to organize a State  
13 Association of Boroughs for the purpose of advancing the  
14 interests of the boroughs. Any borough may join the said  
15 association by motion of council and payment of the annual dues.  
16 Council may designate one or more delegates from the elected or  
17 appointed officials of the borough to attend the annual meeting  
18 of the association, which shall be held in the Commonwealth in  
19 accordance with the procedure adopted by the association. In

1 addition to any compensation allowed by law for each delegate,  
2 the borough may, for each delegate, pay expenses which shall be  
3 limited to the registration fee, mileage for use of personal  
4 vehicle or reimbursement of actual transportation expense going  
5 to and returning from such meeting plus all other actual  
6 expenses that the council may have agreed to pay. Every delegate  
7 attending the annual meeting shall submit to the council an  
8 itemized account of expenses incurred thereat. The council may  
9 authorize borough employees to be compensated at their regular  
10 employee rate during their attendance at the annual meeting. The  
11 borough council solely may authorize THE MAYOR AND council <—  
12 members who are not employed by the borough to receive  
13 reimbursement for lost wages or salary while attending the  
14 annual meeting; however, sufficient documentation must be  
15 provided to the borough council to justify the reimbursement.  
16 The time spent in attending said meeting shall not be more than  
17 four days, including the time employed in traveling thereto and  
18 therefrom. Each borough, becoming a member of the association,  
19 shall pay such reasonable dues as may be fixed by the  
20 association.

21 (b) The dues and other revenues received by the association  
22 shall be used to pay for services, publications and other  
23 expenses authorized or ratified by the association, or incurred  
24 in behalf of the association, by its officers and committees.

25 Section 702. County and Regional Associations of Boroughs.--  
26 The boroughs of any county or of two or more adjoining or nearby  
27 counties, may organize a county or regional association of  
28 boroughs, composed of elected and appointed borough officials in  
29 such county or counties, organized for the purpose of furthering  
30 the interests of the boroughs in the association and their

1 inhabitants. Any borough may annually appropriate a sum of  
2 money, not exceeding seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the support  
3 of such association. For attendance at a meeting of the county  
4 or regional association of which such borough is a member, the  
5 borough may, for each delegate, pay expenses which shall be  
6 limited to the registration fee, mileage for use of personal  
7 vehicle or reimbursement of actual transportation expense going  
8 to and returning from such meeting plus all other actual  
9 expenses that the council may have agreed to pay. Every delegate  
10 attending the annual meeting shall submit to the council an  
11 itemized account of expenses incurred thereat. The council may  
12 authorize borough employees to be compensated at their regular  
13 employee rate during their attendance at the annual meeting. The  
14 borough council solely may authorize THE MAYOR AND council <—  
15 members who are not employed by the borough to receive  
16 reimbursement for lost wages or salary while attending the  
17 annual meeting; however, sufficient documentation must be  
18 provided to the borough council to justify the reimbursement.  
19 Any such county or regional association of boroughs shall have  
20 the option of admitting to membership representatives of  
21 political subdivisions other than boroughs within such county or  
22 counties but representatives of such other political  
23 subdivisions shall have no voice or vote in any matter that is  
24 or may be of concern solely to boroughs.

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