

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 985 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY PUNT, KITCHEN, MOWERY, COSTA, LEMMOND AND MUSTO,
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REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 14, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, third,
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating
5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,
6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the
7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and
8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," further
9 providing for expenses of elected county officers attending
10 the annual meetings of their associations and for other
11 meeting expenses paid by the counties.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 443 of the act of August 9, 1955
15 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, amended November
16 23, 1994 (P.L.640, No.98), is amended to read:

17 Section 443. Expenses of Attending Members to be Paid by
18 County; Time Limit on Meetings.--(a) The actual expenses of all
19 authorized elected county officers attending the annual meetings
20 of their associations shall be paid by the several counties out
21 of the general county fund. Each of these officers, except the
22 county commissioners, shall be reimbursed for actual expenses

1 not to exceed [one hundred ten dollars (\$110)] one hundred
2 seventy-five dollars (\$175) per day for the number of days
3 specified in subsection (b) of this section, together with
4 mileage going to and returning from such meeting and the
5 registration fee. The sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars
6 (\$175) per day as set forth in this subsection shall be adjusted
7 annually by the annual increase in the cost-of-living as
8 determined annually by the United States Department of Labor.

9 (a.1) The actual expenses of all authorized nonelected
10 county officers and employees attending the annual meetings of
11 their associations may be paid by the several counties out of
12 the county general fund. Each of these officers may be
13 reimbursed for actual expenses in an amount not to exceed [one
14 hundred ten dollars (\$110)] one hundred seventy-five dollars
15 (\$175) per day for the number of days specified in subsection
16 (b) of this section, together with mileage going to and
17 returning from such meetings and the registration fee. The sum
18 of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per day shall be
19 adjusted annually as set forth in subsection (a) of this
20 section.

21 (a.2) Every delegate attending the annual meeting shall
22 submit to the county an itemized account of expenses incurred at
23 the meeting. The county may authorize employees to be compensated
24 at their regular employee rate during their attendance at the
25 annual meeting. The actual expenses for elected officers shall,
26 and for nonelected officers may, be paid for the number of days
27 specified in subsection (b). In addition, elected county
28 officers shall receive, and nonelected county officers and
29 employees may receive, actual expenses not to exceed [one hundred
30 ten dollars (\$110)] one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per

1 day for each day not in excess of two in going to and returning
2 from such meeting. The sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars
3 (\$175) per day shall be adjusted annually as set forth above.

4 (b) The annual meeting of the association of county
5 commissioners, county solicitors and chief clerks shall not
6 exceed four days, that of the district attorneys shall not
7 exceed three days, and those of all other State associations
8 shall not exceed three days in every case, exclusive of the time
9 spent in traveling to and from the said meetings.

10 Section 2. Section 444 of the act, amended December 12, 1980
11 (P.L.1174, No.216), is amended to read:

12 Section 444. Other Meeting Expenses Paid by Counties.--(a)
13 In addition to the expenses hereinbefore authorized, the
14 necessary expenses of the annual meetings of the associations
15 hereinafter named, including annual association dues, printing,
16 committee expenses and stenographical expense, shall be paid in
17 equal parts by the several counties whose officers are members
18 of the respective associations.

19 (b) In the case of county commissioners, county solicitor
20 and county clerk, county controllers, county auditors, sheriffs,
21 register of wills, clerks of orphans' courts, county treasurers,
22 recorders of deeds, prothonotaries, clerks of courts, public
23 defenders, district attorneys, jury commissioners and coroners,
24 the portion of the annual expenses charged to each county of the
25 third and fourth class shall not exceed [four hundred dollars
26 (\$400)] six hundred dollars (\$600), to each county of the fifth
27 and sixth class, [three hundred dollars (\$300)] five hundred
28 dollars (\$500), to each county of the seventh and eighth class,
29 [two hundred dollars (\$200)] four hundred dollars (\$400), and in
30 the case of the directors of veterans' affairs the portion

1 charged to each county shall not exceed [fifty dollars (\$50)]
2 one hundred dollars (\$100), and in the case of the probation
3 officers an annual membership subscription not exceeding [six
4 dollars (\$6)] ten dollars (\$10) per member shall be paid by the
5 county, and shall be in lieu of the expenses hereinbefore in
6 this section provided for other county officers.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.