

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 849 Session of  
2003

INTRODUCED BY STEIL, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA,  
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TIGUE, VANCE, WASHINGTON AND WATSON, MARCH 11, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 11, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled, as  
2 reenacted and amended, "An act concerning townships of the  
3 second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and  
4 changing the law relating thereto," further providing for  
5 terms of supervisors.

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

8 Section 1. Section 403 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103,  
9 No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, reenacted and  
10 amended November 9, 1995 (P.L.350, No.60), is amended by adding  
11 a subsection to read:

12 Section 403. Supervisors.--\* \* \*

13 (d) If the board of supervisors shall propose to reduce  
14 their terms of office to four years or if a petition signed by  
15 at least five percent of the voters registered to vote in the  
16 most recent general municipal election is submitted to the board  
17 requesting that their terms of office be reduced to four years,  
18 the board shall take the steps necessary to place on the ballot

1 at the next general municipal election the question whether  
2 their terms of office shall be so reduced.

3 (1) If the voters choose to reduce the terms of office of  
4 the supervisors to four years, the terms of the supervisors  
5 shall be so reduced, except that the current supervisors shall  
6 be allowed to serve out the remainder of their six-year terms.

7 (2) After the reduction in supervisors' terms of office, a  
8 similar petition requesting the reversion to six-year terms may  
9 be voted on only after eight years of four-year terms have  
10 elapsed.

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