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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JUNE 30, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the prohibition
3 on certain political activity and for the governing body of
4 the authorities; and providing local choice for fluoridation
5 of public water.

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

8 Section 1. Section 2166.1 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes, amended December 30, 2002 (P.L.2001,
10 No.230), is amended to read:

11 [§ 2166.1. Prohibition on political activity.

12 A police officer as defined in section 2162 (relating to
13 definitions) who is subject to civil service under the
14 provisions of a statute, law or home rule charter and who is
15 certified under this subchapter may not engage or participate in
16 the conducting of any political or election campaign otherwise
17 than to exercise the police officer's own right of suffrage.]

18 Section 2. The Title is amended by adding a section to read:

19 § 2166.2. Prohibition on political activity.

1 (a) Prohibition on political activity.--Except as provided
2 in subsection (b), a police officer as defined in section 2162
3 (relating to definitions) who is subject to civil service under
4 the provisions of a statute, law or home rule charter and who is
5 certified under this subchapter may not engage or participate in
6 the conducting of any political or election campaign.

7 (b) Exception.--Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
8 (a), a police officer may engage or participate in the
9 conducting of any political or election campaign under any of
10 the following:

11 (1) To exercise the police officer's own right of
12 suffrage.

13 (2) While the police officer is off duty and out of
14 uniform.

15 Section 3. Section 5508(b)(1) of Title 53 is amended to
16 read:

17 § 5508. Governing body.

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19 (b) Board.--

20 (1) The powers of an authority shall be exercised by a
21 board composed of five members. The majority of the members
22 must be residents of the municipality where the authority is
23 located. [All members] Each member must be [residents] a
24 resident of the county in which the municipality is located
25 or maintain a business in the municipality served by the
26 authority.

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28 Section 4. Title 53 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

29 CHAPTER 57-A

30 FLUORIDATION OF PUBLIC WATER

1 Sec.

2 5701-A. Scope.

3 5702-A. Purpose.

4 5703-A. Local fluoridation option.

5 5704-A. Notification.

6 § 5701-A. Scope.

7 This chapter relates to Fluoridation of Public Water.

8 § 5702-A. Purpose.

9 It is the purpose of this chapter to allow municipalities and
10 public water authorities the option of removing fluoride or
11 fluoridation systems from public water supplies in this
12 Commonwealth.

13 § 5703-A. Local fluoridation option.

14 Notwithstanding any other law, a municipality or public water
15 authority may remove an existing water fluoridation system from
16 a public water system.

17 § 5704-A. Notification.

18 At least 60 days prior to taking action, a municipality or
19 public water authority which intends to cease adding fluoride to
20 a public water supply must communicate its intent in writing to
21 all customers served by that water supply and to the Department
22 of Environmental Protection. The municipality or public water
23 authority shall hold a public hearing on the proposal within 30
24 days after notifying the public.

25 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.