

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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TANGRETTI, TIGUE, WALKO, WANSACZ AND WASHINGTON,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for prohibition on
3 political activity.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

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

9 § 2166.1. Prohibition on political activity.

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

1 (b) Exception.--The provisions of this section shall not
2 apply to a deputy sheriff who is not on duty, not in uniform nor
3 displaying a badge or other sign of authority, and not utilizing
4 any real or personal property of the county by which he is
5 employed.

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