

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL****No. 2027** Session of  
2003

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INTRODUCED BY ROBERTS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), entitled "An  
2 act to promote elimination of blighted areas and supply  
3 sanitary housing in areas throughout the Commonwealth; by  
4 declaring acquisition, sound replanning and redevelopment of  
5 such areas to be for the promotion of health, safety,  
6 convenience and welfare; creating public bodies corporate and  
7 politic to be known as Redevelopment Authorities; authorizing  
8 them to engage in the elimination of blighted areas and to  
9 plan and contract with private, corporate or governmental  
10 redevelopers for their redevelopment; providing for the  
11 organization of such authorities; defining and providing for  
12 the exercise of their powers and duties, including the  
13 acquisition of property by purchase, gift or eminent domain;  
14 the leasing and selling of property, including borrowing  
15 money, issuing bonds and other obligations, and giving  
16 security therefor; restricting the interest of members and  
17 employes of authorities; providing for notice and hearing;  
18 supplying certain mandatory provisions to be inserted in  
19 contracts with redevelopers; prescribing the remedies of  
20 obligees of redevelopment authorities; conferring certain  
21 duties upon local planning commissions, the governing bodies  
22 of cities and counties, and on certain State officers, boards  
23 and departments," further providing for appointment and  
24 qualifications of members of authority.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. Section 5 of the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991,  
28 No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, is amended to

1 read:

2 Section 5. Appointment and Qualifications of Members of  
3 Authority.--Upon certification of a resolution declaring the  
4 need for an Authority to operate in a city or county, the mayor  
5 or board of county commissioners thereof, respectively, shall  
6 appoint, as members of the Authority, five citizens who shall be  
7 residents of the city or county ~~or, in the case of a city of the~~ <—  
8 ~~third class, nonresidents who own and operate businesses in the~~  
9 ~~city~~ in which the Authority is to operate AND, IN THE CASE OF A <—  
10 CITY OF THE THIRD CLASS, FIVE PERSONS, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM  
11 SHALL BE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND THE REMAINDER OF WHOM MAY BE  
12 NONRESIDENTS WHO OWN AND OPERATE BUSINESSES IN THE CITY IN WHICH  
13 THE AUTHORITY IS TO OPERATE.

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