
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2027 Session of
2003

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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JUNE 14, 2004

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. ~~and for powers of~~
25 ~~authority.~~ <—

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

28 Section 1. Section 5 of the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991,

1 No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, is amended to
2 read:

3 Section 5. Appointment and Qualifications of Members of
4 Authority.--Upon certification of a resolution declaring the
5 need for an Authority to operate in a city or county, the mayor
6 or board of county commissioners thereof, respectively, shall
7 appoint, as members of the Authority, five citizens who, except
8 in the case of cities of the third class, shall be residents of
9 the city or county in which the Authority is to operate. In the
10 case of a city of the third class, a majority of the members of
11 the Authority shall be residents of the city and the remainder
12 may be nonresidents who own and operate businesses in the city
13 in which the Authority is to operate.

14 ~~Section 2. Section 9 of the act is amended by adding a~~ <—
15 ~~clause to read:~~

16 ~~Section 9. Powers of an Authority. An Authority shall~~
17 ~~constitute a public body, corporate and politic, exercising~~
18 ~~public powers of the Commonwealth as an agency thereof, which~~
19 ~~powers shall include all powers necessary or appropriate to~~
20 ~~carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this~~
21 ~~act, including the following powers in addition to those herein~~
22 ~~otherwise granted:~~

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24 ~~(cc) To own or operate facilities providing water, sewer,~~
25 ~~steam, electric or natural gas services to persons or businesses~~
26 ~~located within a redevelopment area and surrounding areas. Such~~
27 ~~services shall be under the same authority and subject to the~~
28 ~~same conditions and limitations that apply to municipal~~
29 ~~authorities under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 56 (relating to municipal~~
30 ~~authorities).~~

1 Section 3 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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