

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SIPTROTH AND VITALI, JANUARY 30, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 30, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 21, 1949 (P.L.665, No.155), entitled
2 "An act to carry into effect section one of article fifteen
3 of the Constitution, giving cities of the first class the
4 right and power to frame, adopt and amend their own charters
5 and to exercise the powers and authority of local self-
6 government, and providing the procedure therefor; imposing
7 certain restrictions, limitations and regulations; imposing
8 duties upon city councils, city officers, county boards of
9 elections, courts and the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and
10 providing for the payment of certain expenses by such cities;
11 and imposing penalties," further providing for the general
12 grant of power.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 17 of the act of April 21, 1949 (P.L.665,
16 No.155), known as the First Class City Home Rule Act, amended
17 November 30, 2004 (P.L.1523, No.193), is amended to read:

18 Section 17. General Grant of Power and Authority.--Subject
19 to the limitations hereinafter prescribed, the city taking
20 advantage of this act and framing and adopting or amending its
21 charter thereunder shall have and may exercise all powers and
22 authority of local self-government and shall have complete

1 powers of legislation and administration in relation to its
2 municipal functions[,]; including the power and authority to
3 prescribe the elective city officers, who shall be nominated and
4 elected only in the manner provided by, and in accordance with,
5 the provisions of the Pennsylvania Election Code and its
6 amendments, for the nomination and election of municipal
7 officers[.]; and including, notwithstanding any other provision
8 of law, the power and authority to regulate public and private
9 campaign finance for the nomination and election of municipal
10 officers. The charter of any city adopted or amended in
11 accordance with this act may provide for a form or system of
12 municipal government and for the exercise of any and all powers
13 relating to its municipal functions, not inconsistent with the
14 Constitution of the United States or of this Commonwealth, to
15 the full extent that the General Assembly may legislate in
16 reference thereto as to cities of the first class, and with like
17 effect, and the city may enact ordinances, rules and regulations
18 necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing
19 powers and all other powers vested in the city by the charter it
20 adopts or by this or any other law. Ordinances, rules and
21 regulations adopted under the authority of this act or under the
22 provisions of any charter adopted or amended hereunder shall be
23 enforceable by the imposition of fines, forfeitures and
24 penalties, not exceeding two thousand three hundred dollars
25 (\$2,300), and by imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety
26 days. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a
27 city of the first class may increase any fine, forfeiture or
28 penalty authorized under this section, provided that the
29 increase does not exceed four hundred dollars (\$400) in any
30 calendar year and the total amount of the fine, forfeiture or

1 penalty does not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.