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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 6, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for submission of  
3 question for election of government study commission, for  
4 election of members of government study commission and for  
5 compensation and personnel of government study commission.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 2911(a) and 2912(a) of Title 53 of the  
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 2911. Submission of question for election of government study  
11 commission.

12 (a) General rule.--Whenever authorized by ordinance of the  
13 governing body or upon petition of the electors to the county  
14 board of electors of the county wherein the municipality is  
15 located, an election shall be held upon one of the following  
16 questions:

17 Shall a government study commission of [(seven, nine  
18 or eleven)] five, seven or nine members be elected to  
19 study the existing form of government of the

1 municipality, to consider the advisability of the  
2 adoption of an optional form of government and to  
3 recommend whether or not an optional plan of government  
4 should be adopted?

5 Shall a government study commission of [(seven, nine  
6 or eleven)] five, seven or nine members be elected to  
7 study the existing form of government of the  
8 municipality, to consider the advisability of the  
9 adoption of a home rule charter and, if advisable, to  
10 draft and to recommend a home rule charter?

11 Shall a government study commission of [(seven, nine  
12 or eleven)] five, seven or nine members be elected to  
13 study the existing form of government of the  
14 municipality, to consider the advisability of the  
15 adoption of an optional form of government or a home rule  
16 charter, to recommend the adoption of an optional form of  
17 government or to draft and recommend a home rule charter?

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19 § 2912. Election of members of commission.

20 (a) General rule.--A governmental study commission of  
21 [seven, nine or eleven] five, seven or nine members, as  
22 designated in the question, shall be elected by the qualified  
23 voters at the same election the question is submitted to the  
24 electors.

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26 Section 2. Section 2919 heading of Title 53 is amended and  
27 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

28 § 2919. Compensation [and], personnel and expenses.

29 \* \* \*

30 (c) Commission expenses.--A governing body of a municipality

shall approve appropriations to the commission for the  
reasonable expenses of the commission following agreement  
between the commission and the governing body on a budget  
amount. Reasonable expenses of the commission include, but are  
not limited to, the costs of preparing and mailing educational  
materials to the electors of the municipality. Educational  
materials shall include a summary of the commission's  
recommendations and may include a minority report of the  
commission or a summary of the minority report.

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