
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1448 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY ROSS, GINGRICH, CREIGHTON, FREEMAN AND
SANTARSIERO, MAY 3, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 3, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 24, 1956 (1955, P.L.1674, No.566),
2 entitled "An act authorizing council of any incorporated town
3 to create the office of town manager, and prescribe his
4 powers and duties," further providing for the office of town
5 manager and for powers and duties of a town manager.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 1 and 2 of the act of May 24, 1956
9 (1955, P.L.1674, No.566), entitled "An act authorizing council
10 of any incorporated town to create the office of town manager,
11 and prescribe his powers and duties," are amended to read:

12 Section 1. Town Manager May Be Created by Ordinance;
13 Election.--The council of any town may, at its discretion, at
14 any time, create by ordinance the office of town manager and
15 may, in like manner, abolish the same. While said office exists,
16 the council shall, from time to time and whenever there is a
17 vacancy, elect, by a vote of a majority of all the members, one
18 person to fill said office, who shall serve until the first
19 Monday of January of the even-numbered year succeeding his

1 election and until his successor qualifies[, subject, however,
2 to removal by the council at any time by a vote of the majority
3 of all the members]. The town manager shall serve at the
4 pleasure of council, subject to contractual rights that may
5 arise under an employment agreement that may be entered in
6 accordance with section 2.

7 Section 2. Powers and Duties; Bond.--The powers[,] and
8 duties [and compensation] of the town manager shall be regulated
9 by ordinance. Council may enter into an employment agreement
10 with the town manager. The employment agreement may set forth
11 the terms and conditions of employment, and the agreement may
12 provide that it shall remain in effect for a specified period
13 terminating no later than two years after the effective date of
14 the agreement or the date of the organization meeting of council
15 following the next municipal election, whichever shall first
16 occur. An employment agreement entered into pursuant to this
17 section may specify conditions under which a town manager would
18 be entitled to severance compensation, but in no event shall an
19 employment agreement guarantee employment through the term of
20 the agreement or confer upon the town manager any legal remedy
21 based on specific performance. The council and the president of
22 the council, when authorized by ordinance, may delegate subject
23 to recall any of their respective nonlegislative and non-
24 judicial powers and duties to the town manager. He shall give a
25 bond to the town with one or more sureties or one bonding
26 company, to be approved by the council, in such sum as it shall
27 by ordinance direct, conditioned for the faithful performance of
28 his duties.

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