

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1857 Session of  
2011

INTRODUCED BY SIMMONS, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, EMRICK, GABLER,  
GILLEN, KAUFFMAN, LAWRENCE, ROAE, SACCONI, SAYLOR AND  
SWANGER, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to  
3 indebtedness and borrowing, further providing for home rule.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 8008 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 8008. Home rule.

9 (a) General rule.--Every local government unit obtaining a  
10 home rule charter after July 12, 1972, shall be subject to the  
11 substantive provisions of this subpart applicable to it as if it  
12 were a local government unit and may adopt the procedural  
13 provisions of this subpart, by incorporation thereof by  
14 reference, in its home rule charter.

15 (b) Referendum.--A home rule charter may contain referendum  
16 requirements to incur debt with approval of the electors, in  
17 addition to any requirements contained in this subpart.

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