

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1276 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY SMUCKER, WAUGH AND ALLOWAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, third,
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating
5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,
6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the
7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and
8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," further
9 providing for classification of counties.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 210 of the act of August 9, 1955
13 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, amended July 7,
14 2011 (P.L.268, No.55), is amended to read:

15 Section 210. Counties Divided Into Nine Classes.--For the
16 purposes of legislation and the regulation of their affairs,
17 counties of this Commonwealth, now in existence and those
18 hereafter created, shall be divided into nine classes as
19 follows:

20 (1) First Class Counties, those having a population of
21 1,500,000 inhabitants and over.

22 (2) Second Class Counties, those having a population of

1 800,000 and more but less than 1,500,000 inhabitants.

2 (2.1) Second Class A Counties, those having a population of
3 500,000 and more but less than 800,000 inhabitants.

4 (3) (i) Third Class Counties, those having a population of
5 210,000 and more but less than 500,000 inhabitants.

6 (ii) After the results of any Federal Decennial Census are
7 published, any county of the third class having a population of
8 500,000 inhabitants and over may elect not to become a county of
9 the second class A, by enacting an ordinance or adopting a
10 resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

11 (4) Fourth Class Counties, those having a population of
12 145,000 and more but less than 210,000 inhabitants.

13 (5) Fifth Class Counties, those having a population of
14 90,000 and more but less than 145,000 inhabitants.

15 (6) Sixth Class Counties, those having a population of
16 45,000 and more but less than 90,000 inhabitants and those
17 having a population of 35,000 and more but less than 45,000
18 inhabitants which by ordinance or resolution of the Board of
19 County Commissioners elect to be a county of the sixth class.

20 (7) Seventh Class Counties, those having a population of
21 20,000 or more but less than 45,000 inhabitants and those having
22 a population of 35,000 and more but less than 45,000 inhabitants
23 which have not elected to be a county of the sixth class.

24 (8) Eighth Class Counties, those having a population of less
25 than 20,000 inhabitants.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.