
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1529 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY HARPER, GINGRICH, ROSS, FREEMAN AND M. DALEY,
JUNE 13, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 13, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled, as
2 reenacted and amended, "An act concerning townships of the
3 second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and
4 changing the law relating thereto," further providing for
5 filing and recording of ordinances.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1601(a) of the act of May 1, 1933
9 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code,
10 reenacted and amended November 9, 1995 (P.L.350, No.60) and
11 amended December 18, 1996 (P.L.1142, No.172), is amended to
12 read:

13 Section 1601. Ordinances.--(a) The board of supervisors may
14 adopt ordinances in which general or specific powers of the
15 township may be exercised, and, by the enactment of subsequent
16 ordinances, the board of supervisors may amend, repeal or revise
17 existing ordinances. All proposed ordinances, whether original,
18 amended, repealed, revised, consolidated or codified, shall be
19 published not more than sixty days nor less than seven days

1 before passage at least once in one newspaper circulating
2 generally in the township. Public notices shall include either
3 the full text or a brief summary of the proposed ordinance which
4 lists the provisions in reasonable detail and a reference to a
5 place within the township where copies of the proposed ordinance
6 may be examined.

7 (a.1) If the full text is not included, a copy shall be
8 supplied to the publishing newspaper when the notice is
9 published, and an attested copy shall be filed within thirty
10 days after enactment in the county law library or other county
11 office designated by the county commissioners, who may impose a
12 fee no greater than that necessary to cover the actual costs of
13 storing the ordinances. Filing with the county may be completed
14 by the submission of an electronic copy of the ordinance through
15 a method available, in the sole discretion of the county, to
16 permit receipt by the office storing municipal ordinances. Upon
17 request by the township, the county shall notify the township of
18 the method by which electronic copies may be submitted. The
19 county may store the ordinance electronically, provided that the
20 public is able to access the electronically stored township
21 ordinances during regular business hours at the office or at a
22 remote location. The township shall retain a printed copy of the
23 e-mail and ordinance as transmitted. The date of such filing
24 shall not affect the effective date of the ordinance, the
25 validity of the process of the enactment or adoption of the
26 ordinance; nor shall a failure to record within the time
27 provided be deemed a defect in the process of the enactment or
28 adoption of such ordinance. If substantial amendments are made
29 in the proposed ordinance, before voting upon enactment, the
30 board of supervisors shall at least ten days before enactment

1 readvertise in one newspaper of general circulation in the
2 township a brief summary setting forth all the provisions in
3 reasonable detail, together with a summary of the amendments.
4 Ordinances shall be recorded in the ordinance book of the
5 township and are effective five days after adoption unless a
6 date later than five days after adoption is stated in the
7 ordinance.

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