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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 937 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY EICHELBERGER, ROBBINS, ERICKSON, BLAKE AND  
WOZNIAK, MAY 31, 2013

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REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 31, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled  
2 "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,  
3 revising, consolidating and changing the law relating  
4 thereto," in general provisions relating to township  
5 officers, further providing for failure of officer to perform  
6 duties.

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

9 Section 1. Section 604 of the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206,  
10 No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, reenacted and  
11 amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569), is amended to read:

12 Section 604. [Failure of Officer to Perform Duties.--If any  
13 township officer refuses or neglects to perform his duties, the  
14 court of quarter sessions, upon complaint in writing by one  
15 hundred citizens, owners of real estate residing in the  
16 township, may issue a rule upon such officer to show cause why  
17 his office should not be declared vacant and another appointed  
18 in his stead. Such rule shall be made returnable not less than  
19 two weeks from its date of issue. Upon hearing and proof that  
20 the facts alleged in the complaint are true, the court may

1 declare the office vacant and appoint another in his stead, to  
2 hold office for the unexpired term.] Removal of Township  
3 Officers and Appointees.--Any township officer, whether elected  
4 or duly appointed to fill a vacancy in elective office, shall be  
5 removable from office only by impeachment, or by the Governor  
6 for reasonable cause after due notice and full hearing on the  
7 advice of two-thirds of the Senate, or upon conviction of  
8 misbehavior in office, or of any infamous crime in accordance  
9 with the Constitution of Pennsylvania, but his title to office  
10 may be tried by proceedings of quo warranto as provided by law.

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