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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 16, 2015

AN ACT

1 Authorizing, with the approval of the electors, part of the
2 funds for volunteer fire and volunteer emergency services to
3 be used for loans to municipal fire departments for the
4 purpose of establishing or modernizing facilities to house
5 firefighting apparatus equipment and purchasing firefighting
6 apparatus equipment, rescue vehicles and protective and
7 communications equipment and other equipment necessary for
8 the proper performance of the departments' duties.

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

11 Section 1. Referendum.

12 The question of using the sum of up to \$10,000,000 from
13 moneys previously authorized for volunteer fire and volunteer
14 emergency services for loans to municipal fire departments for
15 the purpose of establishing or modernizing facilities to house
16 firefighting apparatus equipment and purchasing firefighting
17 apparatus equipment, rescue vehicles and protective and
18 communications equipment and other equipment necessary for the
19 proper performance of the departments' duties shall be submitted
20 to the electors at the next primary, municipal or general

1 election following the effective date of this act.

2 Section 2. Certification.

3 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall certify the question
4 to the county boards of election.

5 Section 3. Form of question.

6 The question shall be in substantially the following form:

7 Do you favor the use of up to \$10,000,000 previously
8 authorized for volunteer fire and volunteer emergency
9 services to also be used for loans to municipal fire
10 departments for the purpose of establishing or modernizing
11 facilities to house firefighting apparatus equipment and
12 purchasing firefighting apparatus equipment, rescue vehicles
13 and protective and communications equipment and other
14 equipment necessary for the proper performance of the
15 departments' duties?

16 Section 4. Conduct of election.

17 The election shall be conducted in accordance with the act of
18 June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania
19 Election Code.

20 Section 5. Use of bond proceeds.

21 Proceeds of borrowing shall be used to include loans to
22 municipal fire departments by expanding the existing program
23 established under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 73 Subch. E (relating to
24 volunteer fire company, ambulance service and rescue squad
25 assistance).

26 Section 6. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect immediately.