
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 789 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY WOZNIAK, HUTCHINSON, EICHELBERGER, MCGARRIGLE AND
BLAKE, MAY 15, 2015

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 15, 2015

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
10 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code,
11 reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569), is
12 amended to read:

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

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

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