
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1889 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY JAMES, HARPER, KAMPF, FREEMAN AND DALEY,
OCTOBER 25, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 25, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.244, No.34), entitled "An
2 act relating to and regulating the contracts of incorporated
3 towns and providing penalties," further providing for power
4 to convey.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1.1(b) of the act of May 27, 1953
8 (P.L.244, No.34), entitled "An act relating to and regulating
9 the contracts of incorporated towns and providing penalties," is
10 amended to read:

11 Section 1.1. Power to Convey.--* * *

12 (b) Except as otherwise hereinafter provided in the case of
13 personal property of an estimated sale value of less than [one
14 thousand dollars] two thousand dollars, no town personal
15 property shall be disposed of, by sale or otherwise, except upon
16 approval of council, by ordinance or resolution. In cases where
17 council shall approve a sale of such property, it shall estimate
18 the sale value of the entire lot to be disposed of. If council
19 shall estimate the sale value to be [one thousand dollars] two

1 thousand dollars or more, the entire lot shall be advertised for
2 sale once, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in
3 the town, not less than ten days prior to the date fixed for the
4 opening of bids or public auction, and such date of opening of
5 bids or public auction shall be announced in such advertisement,
6 and sale of the property so advertised shall be made to the best
7 responsible bidder. The advertisement for electronic auction
8 sales authorized in subsection (c.1) shall include the Internet
9 address or means of accessing the electronic auction and the
10 date, time and duration of the electronic auction. Council shall
11 have authority, by resolution, to adopt a procedure for the sale
12 of surplus personal property of an estimated sale value of less
13 than [one thousand dollars] two thousand dollars, and the
14 approval of council shall not be required for any individual
15 sale that shall be made in conformity to such procedure.

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