

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 591 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, MENSCH, WARD, FOLMER, RAFFERTY AND VULAKOVICH, APRIL 13, 2017

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 13, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled
 2 "An act relating to counties of the first, third, fourth,
 3 fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising,
 4 consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto;
 5 relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties, including
 6 authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the rental of
 7 motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and providing
 8 for regional renaissance initiatives," in contracts,
 9 providing for voting by a county commissioner.

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

12 Section 1. The act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130),
 13 known as The County Code, is amended by adding a section to
 14 read:

15 Section 1808. County Board or Authorities.--(a) A county
 16 commissioner may not vote on the appointment of a member of a
 17 board, authority or similar body established to improve the
 18 economic development of the county if a member of the immediate
 19 family of the county commissioner is an executive level employe
 20 of the board, authority or similar body or is employed by an
 21 entity that receives a grant, loan or contract from the board,

1 authority or similar body.

2 (b) A county commissioner under subsection (a) must refrain
3 from voting in accordance with 65 Pa.C.S. § 1103(j) (relating to
4 restricted activities).

5 (c) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall
6 have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

7 "Executive-level employe" shall be an employe of a board,
8 authority or similar body established by the county
9 commissioners with discretionary powers that may affect the
10 outcome of a decision in relation to a private corporation or
11 business or an employe who by virtue of the employe's job
12 function could influence the outcome of a decision.

13 "Immediate family" shall include a parent, spouse, child,
14 brother or sister.

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