
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1030 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY WALSH, SIMMONS, WARNER, BERNSTINE, MILLARD,
MALONEY, IRVIN, ZIMMERMAN, REESE, CIRESI, NELSON, DOWLING AND
NEILSON, APRIL 2, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 2, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, providing
3 for attendance at meetings.

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

6 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1143. Attendance at meetings.

9 (a) Attendance requirement.--A member of the governing body
10 of a municipal government shall attend a minimum of 50% of the
11 scheduled public meetings of the governing body in a calendar
12 year to maintain the member's eligibility to hold the office.

13 (b) Quo warranto action.--The members of the governing body
14 may adopt an ordinance instructing the municipal solicitor to
15 file a quo warranto action in the court of common pleas
16 requesting to remove a member who fails to meet the attendance
17 requirement under subsection (a).

18 (c) Excused absence.--A member of a governing body shall be

1 excused from a meeting of the governing body upon proof that the
2 member's absence was due to illness or an employment obligation.
3 The absence shall not count against the member when calculating
4 attendance under subsection (a).

5 (d) Vacancies.--Upon removal from office of a member of a
6 governing body under subsection (b), the office shall be deemed
7 vacant and filled according to the provisions of the municipal
8 code governing the municipality.

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