

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2587 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, SCHWEYER, HANBIDGE,
YOUNGBLOOD, MILLARD, BURGOS, GALLOWAY, WEBSTER, CIRESI AND
SANCHEZ, JUNE 15, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 15, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11
2 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers
3 and duties of elected officials, further providing for
4 organization of council, quorum, participation by
5 telecommunication device, voting, compensation and
6 eligibility; and, in council, further providing for oath of
7 council members, quorum and rules.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1001(b) of Title 8 of the Pennsylvania
11 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

12 § 1001. Organization of council, quorum, participation by
13 telecommunication device, voting, compensation and
14 eligibility.

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16 (b) Quorum.--A majority of the membership of council then in
17 office shall constitute a quorum. Except as provided in
18 subsection (c) [,] and meetings held under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7501
19 (relating to general authority of political subdivisions), only
20 council members physically present at a meeting place within the

1 borough shall be counted in establishing a quorum.

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3 Section 2. Section 11004(b) of Title 11 is amended to read:

4 § 11004. Oath of council members, quorum and rules.

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6 (b) Quorum.--

7 (1) A majority of the number of members of council shall
8 constitute a quorum.

9 (2) A smaller number may compel the attendance of absent
10 members, under penalties to be prescribed by ordinance.

11 (3) [Only] Except for meetings held during a declaration
12 of disaster emergency under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to
13 general authority of Governor) or 7501 (relating to general
14 authority of political subdivisions), only members physically
15 present at a meeting place within the city shall be counted
16 in establishing a quorum.

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18 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.