

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in public improvements, utilities and
3 services, providing for public notice and public meeting
4 requirements.

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

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

9 CHAPTER 52

10 GENERAL PROVISIONS

11 Subchapter

12 A. (Reserved)

13 B. Public Notices and Public Meetings

14 SUBCHAPTER A

15 (Reserved)

16 SUBCHAPTER B

17 PUBLIC NOTICES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

18 Sec.

1 5211. Definitions.

2 5212. Sale or lease of water or sewer system.

3 § 5211. Definitions.

4 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter  
5 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
6 context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Municipal corporation." A city, county, borough, township,  
8 incorporated town, home rule municipality, optional plan  
9 municipality or optional charter municipality.

10 "Public notice." Notice published once each week for two  
11 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. AND ON <--  
12 THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION'S WEBSITE, IF THE MUNICIPAL  
13 CORPORATION HAS A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

14 § 5212. Sale or lease of water or sewer system.

15 In addition to the provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating  
16 to open meetings), prior to entering into an agreement to sell  
17 or lease a water or sewer system owned or operated by a  
18 municipal corporation or to sell or lease a water or sewer  
19 system currently owned or operated by a municipal authority that  
20 would require dissolution by the municipal corporation, the  
21 municipal corporation shall hold at least one advertised public  
22 meeting, not more than 60 days nor fewer than seven days prior  
23 to entering into the agreement with the potential purchaser or  
24 lessee, and shall provide public notice of the meeting in all  
25 municipalities served by the water or sewer system. The  
26 potential purchaser or lessee shall attend the meeting.

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