
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HEFFLEY, RYAN, T. DAVIS, JAMES, MILLARD AND
HERSHEY, MARCH 8, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 8, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further
3 providing for money of authority.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5612 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 5612. Money of authority.

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10 (d) Auditor General.--

11 (1) The Auditor General, through agents the Auditor
12 General selects, shall perform an audit of a municipal
13 authority located in a home rule third class county with a
14 population of more than 290,000 but less than 300,000 which
15 was incorporated by a third class city and maintains land in
16 a sixth class county and organized for the purpose of
17 providing municipal services, principally consisting of
18 operation of a water collection, treatment and distribution

1 system.

2 (2) The audit shall consist of a thorough review of all
3 financial information and examine the effectiveness, economy
4 and efficiency of the authority, including, but not limited
5 to, a review of billing systems, acquisitions of other
6 municipal authorities, contract processes and transparency,
7 management practices, conflicts of interest and compliance
8 with relevant Federal and State statutes by the authority,
9 its board members and its contractors.

10 (3) For this purpose, the Auditor General may employ
11 consultants, experts, accountants or investigators as the
12 auditor general may deem advisable and conduct the audit
13 independently of any other audits.

14 (4) The audit shall be concluded by December 31, 2021,
15 and may include recommendations on how to improve procedures
16 and activities to enhance economy, efficiency and
17 effectiveness in any areas covered by the audit.

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