
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MARCH 17, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 17, 2021

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 5607(d)(9) of Title 53 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5607. Purposes and powers.

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10 (d) Powers.--Every authority may exercise all powers
11 necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the purposes set
12 forth in this section, including, but without limiting the
13 generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

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15 (9) To fix, alter, charge and collect rates and other
16 charges in the area served by its facilities at reasonable
17 and uniform rates to be determined exclusively by it for the

1 purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of the
2 authority, the construction, improvement, repair, maintenance
3 and operation of its facilities and properties and, in the
4 case of an authority created for the purpose of making
5 business improvements or providing administrative services, a
6 charge for such services which is to be based on actual
7 benefits and which may be measured on, among other things,
8 gross sales or gross or net profits, the payment of the
9 principal of and interest on its obligations and to fulfill
10 the terms and provisions of any agreements made with the
11 purchasers or holders of any such obligations, or with a
12 municipality and to determine by itself exclusively the
13 services and improvements required to provide adequate, safe
14 and reasonable service, including extensions thereof, in the
15 areas served. If a meter serves more than one unit, the
16 authority shall classify the meter as a commercial meter and
17 bill the meter in the same manner as other commercial
18 properties in accordance with this subsection, unless the
19 owner of a unit chooses to maintain the current
20 classification. If the service area includes more than one
21 municipality, the revenues from any project shall not be
22 expended directly or indirectly on any other project unless
23 such expenditures are made for the benefit of the entire
24 service area. Any person questioning the reasonableness or
25 uniformity of a rate fixed by an authority or the adequacy,
26 safety and reasonableness of the authority's services,
27 including extensions thereof, may bring suit against the
28 authority in the court of common pleas of the county where
29 the project is located or, if the project is located in more
30 than one county, in the court of common pleas of the county

1 where the principal office of the project is located. The
2 court of common pleas shall have exclusive jurisdiction to
3 determine questions involving rates or service. Except in
4 municipal corporations having a population density of 300
5 persons or more per square mile, all owners of real property
6 in eighth class counties may decline in writing the services
7 of a solid waste authority.

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