

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, BOBACK, CIRESI, HILL-EVANS, INNAMORATO, LONGIETTI, MOUL, N. NELSON, SANCHEZ, SCHWEYER, WEBSTER AND WHEELAND, MAY 5, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 5, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11
 2 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in
 3 associations and organizations relating to boroughs, further
 4 providing for authorization and expenses; and, in city
 5 officers and employees relating to third class cities,
 6 further providing for Pennsylvania Municipal League and other
 7 municipal affairs organizations.

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

10 Section 1. Section 701.1 of Title 8 of the Pennsylvania
 11 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

12 § 701.1. Authorization and expenses.

13 (a) Delegates.--Council may, by motion, designate one or
 14 more delegates from the elected or appointed officers or newly
 15 elected officers prior to officially taking office of the
 16 borough to attend the annual meeting of the State Association of
 17 Boroughs, which shall be held in this Commonwealth in accordance
 18 with the procedure adopted by the State Association of Boroughs.

19 (b) Nondelegates.--Council may, by motion, designate one or
 20 more elected or appointed officers or newly elected officers

1 prior to officially taking office or employees of the borough to
2 attend the annual meeting of the State Association of Boroughs
3 as nondelegates or to attend a conference, educational training
4 or committee meeting of the State Association of Boroughs.

5 (c) Expenses.--The following shall apply:

6 (1) In addition to any compensation allowed under
7 section 701.2 (relating to compensation), council may, for
8 each delegate, elected or appointed officer or newly elected
9 officer prior to officially taking office or employee under
10 subsection (a) or (b), pay the following expenses upon
11 receipt of an itemized account of expenses:

12 (i) The registration fee.

13 (ii) Mileage for use of a personal vehicle or
14 reimbursement of actual transportation expenses going to
15 and returning from the annual meeting, conference,
16 educational training or committee meeting of the State
17 Association of Boroughs.

18 (iii) Any actual expenses that the council may have
19 agreed to pay.

20 (2) Notwithstanding this subsection, at least one member
21 of council shall be allowed the following expenses:

22 (i) The registration fee.

23 (ii) Lodging, meals and mileage for use of a
24 personal vehicle or reimbursement of actual
25 transportation expenses going to and returning from the
26 meeting.

27 (iii) Any actual expenses that the council may have
28 agreed to pay.

29 Section 2. Section 10916(a)(2) and (3), (b) and (c) of Title
30 11 are amended to read:

1 § 10916. Pennsylvania Municipal League and other municipal
2 affairs organizations.

3 (a) Unification.--A city may:

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5 (2) form and organize a municipal league [of cities and
6 municipalities]; and

7 (3) hold [annual conventions] conferences, educational
8 trainings and meetings for the study and consideration of
9 municipal affairs [of concern that pertain to the cities and
10 municipalities comprising the league].

11 (b) [Delegates] Officials and expenses.--A city [that is a
12 member of the league] may [do the following]:

13 (1) Send [delegates to the league.] officials to the
14 league's conferences, educational trainings and meetings.
15 Newly elected or appointed officials prior to officially
16 taking office may attend the league's conferences,
17 educational trainings and meetings.

18 (2) Pay the necessary expenses[, including:

19 (i) Incidental expenses to attend the annual
20 convention.

21 (ii) Dues to the league.] of those attending the
22 league's conferences, educational trainings and meetings,
23 including incidental expenses.

24 (3) Appropriate money for dues to the league.

25 [(iii)] (4) Appropriate money to join and
26 participate in any of the various business and training
27 programs of the league designed to address municipal
28 needs in a cost-efficient manner.

29 [(3)] (5) Provide a fund for the necessary costs and
30 expenses of participation in the league [and league

1 [conventions].

2 (c) Accounting.--Each [delegate] official shall submit to
3 the city controller for approval an itemized account of the
4 [delegate's] official's expenses to be paid under the authority
5 of this section.

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7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.