

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 820 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, JUNE 15, 2023

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 15, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in public improvements, utilities and
3 services, providing for public notices and public meetings. ◀

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

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

8 CHAPTER 52

9 GENERAL PROVISIONS

10 Subchapter

11 A. (Reserved)

12 B. Public Notices and Public Meetings ◀

13 SUBCHAPTER A

14 (Reserved)

15 SUBCHAPTER B

16 PUBLIC NOTICES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ◀

17 Sec.

18 5211. Definitions.

1 5212. Sale or lease of water or sewer system.

2 § 5211. Definitions.

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

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

9 "Public notice." Notice published once each week for two
10 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation and on
11 the municipal corporation's website, if the municipal
12 corporation has a publicly accessible Internet website.

13 § 5212. Sale or lease of water or sewer system.

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

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