



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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THE GOVERNOR

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TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 1184, Printer's Number 2928.

This legislation authorizes the creation of new boroughs from any area of a municipality by petition to the court of common pleas. Pennsylvania already ranks third in the nation for the largest number of local government units. Authorizing the creation of new boroughs as prescribed in this bill, which is opposed by the Pennsylvania Municipal League, will lead to further fragmentation of local governments. Ultimately, additional local governments will result in increased costs for taxpayers for the new borough as well as the former municipality. It is unfortunate that this controversial provision was amended into the legislation when the original bill was intended to modernize aspects of the Borough Code.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 1184, Printer's Number 2928.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Wolf".

TOM WOLF
Governor