
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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2024

INTRODUCED BY HARKINS, MERSKI AND MEHAFFIE, JANUARY 9, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 9, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An
2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying
3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing
4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,
5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing
6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and
7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain
8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations
9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and
10 penalties," in city revitalization and improvement zones,
11 providing for establishment of contracting authority board
12 for city of the third class.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as
16 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to
17 read:

18 Section 1803.2-C. Establishment of contracting authority board
19 for city of the third class.

20 (a) Board composition.--A city of the third class that
21 designates a contracting authority under section 1803-C shall
22 establish a authority board consisting of nine members. The
23 membership shall be as follows:

1 (1) Three voting members shall be appointed by the mayor
2 of the city of the third class and shall serve as follows:

3 (i) One member shall serve a two-year term.

4 (ii) One member shall serve a three-year term.

5 (iii) One member shall serve a five-year term.

6 (2) Three voting members shall be appointed by a member
7 of the Senate who represents the 49th District of this
8 Commonwealth and shall serve as follows:

9 (i) One member shall serve a two-year term.

10 (ii) One member shall serve a three-year term.

11 (iii) One member shall serve a five-year term.

12 (3) Two voting members shall be appointed by a member of
13 the House of Representatives who represents the 1st District
14 of this Commonwealth and shall serve as follows:

15 (i) One member shall serve a two-year term.

16 (ii) One member shall serve a three-year term.

17 (4) One voting member shall be appointed by a member of
18 the House of Representatives who represents the 2nd District
19 of this Commonwealth and shall serve a five-year term.

20 (b) Terms.--Terms specified under subsection (a) shall
21 commence upon the date of appointment. Members may be
22 reappointed by the same appointing authority for a five-year
23 term following expiration of the member's initial appointment.

24 (c) Compensation.--Members of an authority board shall serve
25 without compensation.

26 (d) Vacancies.--A vacancy on the authority board shall be
27 filled by the same appointing authority as the initial
28 appointment under subsection (a).

29 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
30 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this

1 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "Authority board." A board established under subsection (a)
3 to oversee a contracting authority.

4 "City of the third class." A city that meets all of the
5 following:

6 (1) Incorporated under an optional charter.

7 (2) Located in a county of the third class and a home
8 rule county.

9 (3) Is the county's seat.

10 (4) Has a population between 93,500 and 95,500 based on
11 the most recent Federal decennial census.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.