
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY HEFFLEY, RYAN, T. DAVIS, JAMES, MILLARD AND
HERSHEY, MARCH 8, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 8, 2021

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 5612 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 5612. Money of authority.

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10 (d) Auditor General.--

11 (1) Any authority that owns land for the purposes of
12 watershed management pursuant to section 5615 (relating to
13 acquisition of lands, water and water rights) and chooses to
14 develop the land for any alternative use shall be audited by
15 the Auditor General every five years to ensure the
16 effectiveness of the authority and its practices. The Auditor
17 General, through agents as the Auditor General may select,
18 shall perform an audit on any authority that meets the

1 provisions of this section.

2 (2) The audit shall consist of a thorough review of all
3 financial information and examine the effectiveness, economy
4 and efficiency of the authority, including, but not limited
5 to, a review of billing systems, acquisitions of other
6 municipal authorities, contract processes and transparency,
7 management practices, conflicts of interest and compliance
8 with relevant Federal and State statutes by the authority,
9 its board members and its contractors.

10 (3) For this purpose, the Auditor General may employ
11 consultants, experts, accountants or investigators as the
12 Auditor General may deem advisable and conduct the audit
13 independently of any other audits.

14 (4) The Auditor General shall provide a report of the
15 audit to the authority December 31 of the fifth year. The
16 report may include recommendations on how to improve
17 procedures and activities to enhance economy, efficiency and
18 effectiveness in any areas covered by the audit.

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