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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 146 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, ERICKSON, ARGALL, MENSCH, D. WHITE AND  
LEACH, JANUARY 18, 2013

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 18, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the first, third,  
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,  
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating  
5 thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by counties,  
6 including authorizing imposition of an excise tax on the  
7 rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first class; and  
8 providing for regional renaissance initiatives," further  
9 providing for elections and vacancies.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 501 of the act of August 9, 1955  
13 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended to read:

14 Section 501. Election; Vacancies.--(a) Three county  
15 commissioners shall be elected in each county in the year one  
16 thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and every fourth year  
17 thereafter. In the election of commissioners, each qualified  
18 elector shall vote for no more than two persons. The three  
19 persons having the highest number of votes shall be elected.

20 (b) Any casual vacancy in the office of county commissioners  
21 shall be filled, for the balance of the unexpired term, [by the

1 court of common pleas of the county in which such vacancy shall  
2 occur] by the appointment of a registered elector of the county  
3 who was a member of the same political party as the commissioner  
4 whose place is to be filled at the time the commissioner was  
5 elected. The county political party committee shall choose the  
6 appointee through a conferee process or other process as  
7 provided in the bylaws of the county political party committee.

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