



Pennsylvania Municipal League
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Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners
President – Michael Higgins, Commissioner, Aston Township

Via e-mail

MEMO

TO: Members of the House State Government Committee
FROM: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, PML and PSATC
DATE: June 11, 2019
RE: Opposition to House Bill 1069 (PN 1230)

On behalf of the members of the PA Municipal League and PA State Association of Township Commissioners, **I write in opposition to House Bill 1069 scheduled for Committee consideration on June 12.** Both PML and PSATC oppose House Bill 1069 which requires the posting the agenda for an upcoming meeting 24 hours in advance and limits board action to what is on the agenda, with the exception of emergency business and *de minimis* matters.

We do not oppose the posting of the meeting agenda in advance. However, we do oppose the prohibition to take official action on an issue not included on the posted agenda. This prohibition is too restrictive, will tie the hands to local governing bodies, and is not practical.

Last minute additions to the agenda should be avoided, but may be necessary at times. A local governing body must have the flexibility to address issues of significance that emerge after an agenda is posted. Local officials are accountable to their constituents for every vote, regardless of the timing or subject matter. Restricting the local agenda and timing of action only hinders local efficiencies.

We respectfully request a “no” vote on House Bill 1069 when it comes before you.

Thank you for your consideration.