



Pennsylvania Municipal League
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MEMO

To: House Local Government Committee

From: Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director- Advocacy, The League and PSATC

Date: June 13, 2023

Re: Positions on Bills Before the Committee June 14, 2023

On behalf of the members of the Pennsylvania Municipal League and the Pennsylvania State Association on Township Commissioners, I am writing to provide positions on several bills scheduled to come before the Committee tomorrow, June 14.

House Bill 88 (Miller) – Support – provides a safety net to local governments should a newspaper fail to publish a submitted advertisement as requested. By placing a duplicate advertisement on its website, the local government would be able to rely on its posting and proceed with the stated business. This legislation will not only provide the legal authority for a governing body to take action as planned, but will save time and taxpayer dollars.

House Bill 1216 (Salisbury) – Support – establishes a program to assist municipalities meeting specific criteria with grant writing training and assistance.

House Bill 1303 (Siegel) – Support – extends the amount of time a third class city mayor can declare a disaster emergency from five days to seven days.

Additionally, we support the following bills sponsored by members of the Local Government Commission as they seek to modernize and create consistency among the municipal codes by providing good faith protection to local elected officials and flexibility in municipal management services:

House Bill 1230 (Moul) – amends the Second Class Township Code.

House Bill 1232 (James) – amends the Borough Code.

House Bill 1234 (Freeman) – amends the Third Class City Code.

We ask for an affirmative vote on the above bills.

Thank you for your consideration.