



July 1, 2026

Members of the Pennsylvania House:

On behalf of the undersigned local government associations, we are writing to express our **opposition to House Bill 2146.**

House Bill 2146 represents a reaction to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's interpretation of the plain language of Act 65 of 2021 which allows local governing bodies to add an item to a meeting agenda with a majority vote. The final language of Act 65 was the result of a series of negotiations between the sponsor of the bill that became Act 65 and our local government associations which were intended to provide transparency and accountability for meeting agendas, but yet still allow local governments to quickly act to address unexpected matters that come up after a meeting agenda has been published.

If an unexpected matter was to arise during a meeting, under House Bill 2146, the local governing body would be required to schedule and provide public notice for another meeting. While some local governing body members are paid for their service, school directors in particular are not paid for their service, and the bill would require these dedicated volunteers to dedicate more of their personal time to meetings. This is neither productive nor needed.

Local governments routinely encounter important issues that surface after an agenda is published. While most of these issues are not emergencies, they are time sensitive and could be addressed at the current meeting, rather than a future one. Although Local governments try to act with efficiency and foresight, it is that is not always possible to think of every possible issue to be considered at a meeting. Without the ability to amend an agenda in a public meeting, governing bodies will have delayed actions, need to hold additional special meetings at taxpayer expense, or fail to meet immediate community needs.

Ultimately, HB 2146 would make the role of local government more difficult and inefficient. We respectfully ask for your no vote on HB 2146

Sincerely,

County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs
Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Pennsylvania
School Boards Association
Pennsylvania Municipal League
Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners Pennsylvania
Municipal Authorities Association