



Pennsylvania Municipal League
President – Danene Sorace, Mayor, City of Lancaster



Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners
President – Sam Valenza, Commissioner, Upper Moreland Township

MEMO

To: House Local Government Committee
From: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs
Re: Support for Bills Before the Committee December 15, 2021
Date: December 14, 2021

On behalf of the members of the Pennsylvania Municipal League and Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, I am writing to provide our position on several bills scheduled to come before the Committee tomorrow, December 15.

We support the following bills introduced by members of the Local Government Commission as they seek to modernize local processes and create consistency among the municipal codes:

HB 1592 (Rep. Sappey) – Amends PA Municipalities Planning Code – Providing authorization for digital transmittals and submissions to governmental bodies.

SB 673 (Sen. Dush) – Amends the Second Class Township Code – Modernizing provisions related to surcharge and township managers.

SB 674 (Sen. Kearney) – Amends Borough Code in Title 8 – Modernizing provisions related to surcharge, borough managers, organization of the civil service commission and budget adoption.

Additionally, we support Representative Miller's bill - **HB 2148**. This legislation would provide a safety net to local governments should a newspaper fail to publish a submitted advertisement as requested. A local government that places a duplicate advertisement on its website would be able to rely on that posting to proceed with the stated business. This legislation will not only provide the legal authority to take action, but will protect that action from challenge. It will also save time and taxpayer dollars.

We ask you for an affirmative vote on the above mentioned bills. Thank you for your consideration.