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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR MARTIN, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
FEBRUARY 5, 2020

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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11  
2 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in  
3 associations and organizations relating to boroughs, further  
4 providing for authorization and expenses; and, in city  
5 officers and employees relating to third class cities,  
6 further providing for Pennsylvania Municipal League and other  
7 municipal affairs organizations.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 701.1 of Title 8 of the Pennsylvania  
11 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

12 § 701.1. Authorization and expenses.

13 (a) Delegates.--Council may, by motion, designate one or  
14 more delegates from the elected or appointed officers or newly  
15 elected officers prior to officially taking office of the  
16 borough to attend the annual meeting of the State Association of  
17 Boroughs, which shall be held in this Commonwealth in accordance  
18 with the procedure adopted by the State Association of Boroughs.

19 (b) Nondelegates.--Council may, by motion, designate one or

1 more elected or appointed officers or newly elected officers  
2 prior to officially taking office or employees of the borough to  
3 attend the annual meeting of the State Association of Boroughs  
4 as nondelegates or to attend a conference, educational training  
5 or committee meeting of the State Association of Boroughs.

6 (c) Expenses.--The following shall apply:

7 (1) In addition to any compensation allowed under  
8 section 701.2 (relating to compensation), council may, for  
9 each delegate, elected or appointed officer or newly elected  
10 officers prior to officially taking office or employee under  
11 subsection (a) or (b), pay the following expenses upon  
12 receipt of an itemized account of expenses:

13 (i) The registration fee.

14 (ii) Mileage for use of a personal vehicle or  
15 reimbursement of actual transportation expenses going to  
16 and returning from the annual meeting, conference,  
17 educational training or committee meeting of the State  
18 Association of Boroughs.

19 (iii) Any actual expenses that the council may have  
20 agreed to pay.

21 (2) Notwithstanding this subsection, at least one member  
22 of council shall be allowed the following expenses:

23 (i) The registration fee.

24 (ii) Lodging, meals and mileage for use of a  
25 personal vehicle or reimbursement of actual  
26 transportation expenses going to and returning from the  
27 meeting.

28 (iii) Any actual expenses that the council may have  
29 agreed to pay.

30 Section 2. Section 10916(a)(2) and (3), (b) and (c) of Title

1 11 are amended to read:

2 § 10916. Pennsylvania Municipal League and other municipal  
3 affairs organizations.

4 (a) Unification.--A city may:

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6 ~~(2) form and organize a municipal league of cities and <--  
7 municipalities; and~~

8 ~~(3) hold annual conventions, educational training and  
9 meetings for the study and consideration of municipal affairs  
10 of concern ~~[that pertain]~~ to the cities and municipalities  
11 comprising the league.~~

12 ~~(b) Delegates. A city that is a member of the league may do  
13 the following:~~

14 ~~(1) Send delegates to the ~~[league.]~~ league's annual  
15 conference, educational training and meetings. Newly elected  
16 or appointed officials prior to officially taking office may  
17 attend the league's annual conference, educational training  
18 and meetings.~~

19 ~~(2) Pay the necessary expenses, including:~~

20 ~~(i) Incidental expenses ~~[to attend the annual~~  
21 ~~convention]~~ of those attending the league's annual  
22 conference, educational training and meetings.~~

23 ~~(ii) Dues to the league.~~

24 ~~(iii) Appropriate money to join and participate in  
25 any of the various business and training programs of the  
26 league designed to address municipal needs in a cost  
27 efficient manner.~~

28 ~~(3) Provide a fund for the necessary costs and expenses  
29 of participation in the league ~~[and league conventions].~~~~

30 ~~(c) Accounting. Each ~~[delegate]~~ official shall submit to~~

1 ~~the city controller for approval an itemized account of the~~  
2 ~~delegate's expenses to be paid under the authority of this~~  
3 ~~section.~~

4 (2) FORM AND ORGANIZE A MUNICIPAL LEAGUE [OF CITIES AND <--  
5 MUNICIPALITIES]; AND

6 (3) HOLD [ANNUAL CONVENTIONS] CONFERENCES, EDUCATIONAL  
7 TRAININGS AND MEETINGS FOR THE STUDY AND CONSIDERATION OF  
8 MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS [OF CONCERN THAT PERTAIN TO THE CITIES AND  
9 MUNICIPALITIES COMPRISING THE LEAGUE].

10 (B) [DELEGATES] OFFICIALS AND EXPENSES.--A CITY [THAT IS A  
11 MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE] MAY [DO THE FOLLOWING]:

12 (1) SEND [DELEGATES TO THE LEAGUE.] OFFICIALS TO THE  
13 LEAGUE'S CONFERENCES, EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS AND MEETINGS.  
14 NEWLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRIOR TO OFFICIALLY  
15 TAKING OFFICE MAY ATTEND THE LEAGUE'S CONFERENCES,  
16 EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS AND MEETINGS.

17 (2) PAY THE NECESSARY EXPENSES[, INCLUDING:

18 (I) INCIDENTAL EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL  
19 CONVENTION.

20 (II) DUES TO THE LEAGUE.] OF THOSE ATTENDING THE  
21 LEAGUE'S CONFERENCES, EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS AND MEETINGS,  
22 INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

23 (3) APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR DUES TO THE LEAGUE.

24 [(III)] (4) APPROPRIATE MONEY TO JOIN AND  
25 PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE VARIOUS BUSINESS AND TRAINING  
26 PROGRAMS OF THE LEAGUE DESIGNED TO ADDRESS MUNICIPAL  
27 NEEDS IN A COST-EFFICIENT MANNER.

28 [(3)] (5) PROVIDE A FUND FOR THE NECESSARY COSTS AND  
29 EXPENSES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE LEAGUE [AND LEAGUE  
30 CONVENTIONS].

1 (C) ACCOUNTING.--EACH [DELEGATE] OFFICIAL SHALL SUBMIT TO  
2 THE CITY CONTROLLER FOR APPROVAL AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF THE  
3 [DELEGATE'S] OFFICIAL'S EXPENSES TO BE PAID UNDER THE AUTHORITY  
4 OF THIS SECTION.

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6 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.