

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1751 Session of 2019

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 30, 2019

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
20 more elected or appointed officers or newly elected officers

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

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

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

12 (i) The registration fee.

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

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

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

22 (i) The registration fee.

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

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

29 Section 2. ~~Section 10916(b) of Title 11 is~~ 10916(A) (2) AND <--
30 (3), (B) AND (C) OF TITLE 11 ARE amended to read:

1 § 10916. Pennsylvania Municipal League and other municipal
2 affairs organizations.

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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. ~~Elected or appointed~~ <--
15 ~~officers or newly elected officers prior to officially taking~~
16 ~~office may serve as delegates to the league.~~ [LEAGUE.] <--
17 LEAGUE'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND
18 MEETINGS. NEWLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRIOR TO
19 OFFICIALLY TAKING OFFICE MAY ATTEND THE LEAGUE'S ANNUAL
20 CONFERENCE, EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND MEETINGS.

21 (2) Pay the necessary expenses, including:

22 (i) Incidental expenses [to attend the annual] <--
23 convention] OF THOSE ATTENDING THE LEAGUE'S ANNUAL <--
24 CONFERENCE, EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND MEETINGS.

25 (ii) Dues to the league.

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

30 (3) Provide a fund for the necessary costs and expenses

1 of PARTICIPATION IN the league [and league conventions]. <--

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

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