



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 690 Printer's No. 848

Prime Sponsor: Eichelberger
Committee: Local Government

SYNOPSIS:

Establishes a statutory mechanism for the initial apportionment into wards either partially or totally of any home rule or optional plan municipality without a mayor.

SUMMARY:

Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), Section 2941, which provides a procedure to amend a municipality's home rule charter or optional plan.

Specifically, the bill amends subsection (d) of Section 2941 to provide a mechanism for initial apportionment for home rule or optional plan municipalities **without a mayor**. Current law only provides such a mechanism for home rule or optional plan municipalities with a mayor.

Initial apportionment is to be made by the members of the governing body of the municipality consistent with section 903 (relating to reapportionment by governing body) of the Municipal Reapportionment Act (53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 9).

Adds a new subsection (e) to provide for subsequent apportionments by cross-referencing 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 9. No substantive changes are made in regard to subsequent apportionments.

Effective Date: 60 days

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to Senate Local Government Committee, May 15, 2017

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