



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 422 Printer's No. 1058

Prime Sponsor: Gabler
Committee: Local Government

SYNOPSIS:

Amends the First Class Township Code to update the eligibility provisions for township offices and to modernize the procedure used to fill vacancies.

SUMMARY:

Amends the First Class Township Code to clarify that only registered electors of a township are eligible for election or appointment to a township office. Prior to being sworn into a position, a signed affidavit must be presented to the township secretary stating that the individual resides in the township (or ward) they will represent, and that they have resided there for at least one year immediately prior to the election or appointment.

Establishes a procedure for vacancies that arise as the result of a resignation. Stipulates that a vacancy is not created by a resignation until it is accepted by a majority of the commissioners or the effective date of the resignation, whichever is later. If the commissioners fail to come to an agreement on the resignation, the resignation will automatically be accepted after 45 days, unless it is withdrawn.

Updates the procedure for the vacancy board to fill a vacancy when the board of township commissioners fails to do so. If the vacancy board fails to fill the vacancy within 15 days, the chairperson of the vacancy board shall petition the court of common pleas.

Effective Date: 60 Days

BILL HISTORY:

Passed House on 4/5/17 (191-0).

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