
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY CIRESI, SANCHEZ, HANBIDGE, MALAGARI, PROBST,
GALLOWAY, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, KENYATTA, WARREN,
CONKLIN, CERRATO AND D. WILLIAMS, MARCH 7, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 7, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in local organizations and services,
3 further providing for general authority of political
4 subdivisions.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 7501(d) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 7501. General authority of political subdivisions.

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11 (d) Temporary suspension of formal requirements.--Each
12 political subdivision included in a declaration of disaster
13 emergency declared by either the Governor or the governing body
14 of the political subdivision affected by the disaster emergency
15 is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this section
16 in the light of the exigencies of the emergency situation
17 without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities
18 prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional

1 requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work,
2 entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the
3 employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the
4 purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes and the
5 appropriation and expenditure of public funds. Notwithstanding
6 any other provision of law, the governing body, board or
7 commission of a political subdivision shall not be required to
8 have a quorum physically present at any one location in order to
9 conduct business if a quorum is otherwise established by the
10 participating members through an authorized telecommunication
11 device.

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13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.