
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2259 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY JOZWIAK, HARKINS, MUNROE, D. MILLER AND JAMES,
MAY 1, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 1, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled "An
2 act concerning townships of the second class; and amending,
3 revising, consolidating and changing the law relating
4 thereto," in township police, further providing for creating
5 or disbanding police force.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1901 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103,
9 No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, is amended to
10 read:

11 Section 1901. Creating or Disbanding Police Force.--(a) The
12 board of supervisors may by resolution create or disband a
13 police force within the township or, upon the petition of not
14 less than twenty-five registered electors or taxpayers of the
15 township, appoint police officers. Any police force created by
16 the board of supervisors must operate as a full-time police
17 department.

18 (b) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
19 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless

1 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "Full-time police department." A police force that maintains
3 twenty-four-hour-per-day police coverage in its designated area.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.