

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1956 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY HARPER AND FREEMAN, APRIL 6, 2016

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 13, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in public improvements, utilities and
3 services, providing for public notice and public meeting
4 requirements.

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

7 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 52

10 GENERAL PROVISIONS

11 Subchapter

12 A. Reserved

13 B. Public Notices and Public Meetings

14 SUBCHAPTER A

15 (RESERVED)

16 SUBCHAPTER B

17 PUBLIC NOTICES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

18 Sec.

19 § 5211. Definitions.

1 § 5212. Sale or lease of water or sewer system.

2 § 5211. Definitions.

3 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter  
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
5 context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Municipal corporation." A city, county, borough, township,  
7 incorporated town ~~OR MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, HOME RULE~~ <--  
8 MUNICIPALITY, OPTIONAL PLAN MUNICIPALITY OR OPTIONAL CHARTER  
9 MUNICIPALITY.

10 "Public notice." Notice published once each week for two  
11 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation.

12 § 5212. Sale or lease of water or sewer system.

13 In addition to the provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating  
14 to open meetings), prior to entering into an agreement to sell  
15 or lease a water or sewer system owned or operated by a  
16 municipal corporation ~~OR TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER OR SEWER~~ <--  
17 SYSTEM CURRENTLY OPERATED BY A MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY THAT WOULD  
18 REQUIRE DISSOLUTION BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, the municipal  
19 corporation shall hold at least one advertised public meeting, <--  
20 NOT MORE THAN 60 DAYS NOR FEWER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO  
21 ENTERING INTO THE AGREEMENT, and shall provide public notice of  
22 the meeting in all municipalities served by the water or sewer  
23 system.

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