
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **484** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. STEVENSON, HALUSKA, MALLERY
AND HAYS, APRIL 5, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
APRIL 5, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 15 1957 (P L 901) entitled "An act giving cities of the third class the right and power to adopt one of several plans of optional charters and to exercise the powers and authority of local self-government subject to certain restrictions and limitations providing procedures for such adoption and defining the effect thereof" further regulating the preparation and adoption of budgets after adoption of Mayor-Council Plan A

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 Section 1. Sections 417 and 418 act of July 15, 1957 (P. L. 901)
2 known as the "Optional Third Class City Charter Law" are amended
3 to read

4 Section 417 The city budget shall be prepared by the mayor with
5 the assistance of the business administrator or other officer designated
6 by the mayor [Not later than the month of November] Except for
7 the budget for the first budget year after adoption of the Mayor-Council
8 Plan A the mayor shall not later than the month of November require
9 all department heads to submit requests for appropriations for the en-
10 suing budget year and to appear before the mayor or the business ad-
11 ministrator or other officer at public hearings which shall be held dur-
12 ing that month on the various requests In preparation of the budget for
13 the first budget year after adoption of the Mayor-Council Plan A such
14 requests shall be made and such hearings shall be held in February of
15 the first budget year

16 Section 418 [At] Except as hereafter provided for submission of
17 the first recommended budget after adoption of the Mayor-Council
18 Plan A at the last stated meeting in November the mayor shall submit
19 to council his recommended budget in the form of an ordinance together

1 with such explanatory comment or statement as he may deem desirable
2 After adoption of the Mayor-Council Plan A the first recommended
3 budget together with the explanatory comment or statement shall be
4 submitted by the mayor in the form of an ordinance to council at the
5 first meeting in March of the first budget year The budget shall be in
6 such form as is required [by law] the council for city budgets and shall
7 in addition have appended thereto a detailed analysis of the various
8 items of expenditure and revenue Council may reduce any item or items
9 in the mayor's budget by a vote of a majority of the council but an in-
10 crease in any item or items therein shall become effective only upon an
11 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of council

12 Council shall upon passing the proposed budget ordinance on first
13 reading fix a date for adoption thereof which shall except as hereafter
14 provided be not later than the 31st day of December immediately fol-
15 lowing the date for the adoption of the budget ordinance for the first
16 budget year after adoption of the Mayor-Council Plan A shall be not
17 later than sixty days after the organization of council

18 Section 2 This act shall take effect immediately

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We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor