
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **610** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MR. McMENAMIN, MAY 3, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
MAY 3, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 9 1955 (P L 323) entitled "An act relating to counties of the third fourth fifth sixth seventh and eighth classes amending revising consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto" further providing for change in classification of counties upon change in population

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 Section 211 act of August 9 1955 (P L 323) known as
2 "The County Code" is amended to read

3 Section 211 Ascertainment Certification and Effect of Change of
4 Class (a) The classification of counties shall be ascertained and fixed
5 according to their population by reference from time to time to the
6 last two preceding decennial United States [census] censuses deducting
7 therefrom the number of persons residing on any lands that have been
8 ceded to the United States

9 (b) Whenever it shall appear by any such [census] two censuses
10 that any county has attained a population entitling it to an advance
11 in classification or that a county has heretofore or hereafter decreased
12 in population so as to recede in classification as herein prescribed it
13 shall be the duty of the Governor under the great seal of this Common-
14 wealth to certify that fact accordingly to the board of county commis-
15 sioners on or before the first day of October of the year succeeding
16 that in which the census was taken or as soon thereafter as may be
17 which certificate shall be forwarded by the commissioners to the re-
18 corder of deeds and be recorded in his office

19 It is the intent of this section that the classification of any county
20 shall not be changed because its population has changed at the time of

1 one United States decennial census because it is recognized that a
2 change in the form of local government is attended by certain expense
3 and hardship and such change should not be occasioned by a temporary
4 fluctuation in population but rather only after it is demonstrated by
5 two censuses that the population of a county has remained below the
6 minimum figure or above the maximum figure of its class for at least
7 a decade

8 (c) Changes of class ascertained and certified as aforesaid shall
9 become effective on the first day of January next following the year in
10 which the change was so certified by the Governor to the county com-
11 missioners but the salaries of county officers shall not thereby be in-
12 creased or decreased during the term for which they shall have been
13 elected In the municipal election following such certification of change
14 of class and preceding the effective date of such change the proper
15 number of persons shall be elected to fill any elective office which will
16 exist in the county by the change of classification certified No election
17 shall be held for any office which will be abolished as a result of such
18 change of classification

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