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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **484**

Session of  
1961

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MESSRS. STEVENSON, HALUSKA, MALLERY AND HAYS,  
IN PLACE, APRIL 5, 1961.

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND READING, APRIL 24, 1961.

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**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 eu-  
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 NOT  
5 LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH AND SHALL BE  
6 ADOPTED BY COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN the first meeting in  
7 March of the first budget year OR IF THE MAYOR ELECTS TO DO  
8 SO HE MAY RECOMMEND THE AMENDMENT AND ADOP-  
9 TION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE LEVY OF A TAX  
10 RATE UNDER SECTIONS 1809 1810 AND 1811 OF THE ACT OF  
11 JUNE 23 1931 (P L 932) KNOWN AS "THE THIRD CLASS CITY  
12 CODE" REENACTED AND AMENDED JUNE 28 1951 (P L 662)  
13 The budget shall be in such form as is required [by law] the council  
14 for city budgets and shall in addition have appended thereto a detailed  
15 analysis of the various items of expenditure and revenue Council may  
16 reduce any item or items in the mayor's budget by a vote of a majority  
17 of the council but an increase in any item or items therein shall become  
18 effective only upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of  
19 council

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- 1 Council shall upon passing the proposed budget ordinance on first  
2 reading fix a date for adoption thereof which shall except as hereafter  
3 OTHERWISE provided be not later than the 31st day of December  
4 immediately following the date for the adoption of the budget ordinance  
5 for the first budget year after adoption of the Mayor Council Plan A  
6 shall be not later than sixty days after the organization of council
- 7 Section 2 This act shall take effect immediately

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