

No. 25

## AN ACT

HB 631

Amending the act of April 13, 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), entitled "An act giving municipalities the right and power to adopt home rule charters or one of several optional plans of government 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," changing provisions relating to terms of office.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1262, act of April 13, 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), known as the "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law," is amended to read:

Section 1262. \* \* \*

(b) At the municipal election next succeeding the adoption of one of the optional plans provided for in this act, if four or less councilmen are elected, they shall serve for terms of four years. If five are elected, the four successful candidates receiving the highest percentage of the votes cast for the office to which they are elected shall serve for terms of four years, and the candidate receiving the next highest percentage of votes shall serve for a term of two years. If six or more councilmen are elected, the five candidates receiving the highest percentage of the votes cast for the office to which they are elected shall serve for terms of four years, and the remaining successful candidates receiving the next highest percentage of votes shall serve for terms of two years. Thereafter, all councilmen shall be elected for terms of four years: ***Provided, That where the term of office for councilmen under the adopted plan shall be different from the term of office for councilmen under an existing form of government the terms of office for councilmen so elected shall be established so that at each subsequent regular municipal election at which councilmen are elected, the number of councilmen to be elected shall be as nearly equal as possible to the number of councilmen to be elected at every other regular municipal election at which councilmen are elected.***

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1975.

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