

## No. 73

## AN ACT

## HB 1219

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," providing the government study commission to establish new or revised districts for inclusion into a proposed charter.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 210, act of April 13, 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), known as the "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law," amended July 27, 1973 (P.L.239, No.65), is amended to read:

Section 210. (a) The government study commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the citizens of the municipality within nine calendar months from the date of its election except that it shall be permitted an additional nine months if it elects to prepare and submit a proposed home rule charter **and an additional two months if it chooses to elect its municipal council by districts**. It shall publish or cause to be published sufficient copies of its final report for public study and information, and shall deliver to the municipal clerk or secretary sufficient copies of the report to supply it to any interested citizen upon request. If the commission shall recommend the adoption of a home rule charter or any of the optional plans of government as authorized in this act, the report shall contain the complete plans as recommended.

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Section 2. Subsection (c) of section 213 of the act, amended July 3, 1974 (P.L.421, No.149) is amended to read:

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(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, if an approved home rule charter or optional plan of government or other form of government adopted pursuant to the provisions of this act shall specify that the election of the municipal council shall be on an at-large, district, or combination district and at-large basis, which basis differs from the existing basis and therefore requires eliminating districts or establishing revised or new districts, then election of municipal officials shall not take place on the new basis until the municipal election following the next primary election taking place later than one hundred eighty days after the election at which the referendum on the question of a new form of government has been approved by the electorate. The new form of

government shall not go into effect until the first Monday in January following the election of municipal officials on the new basis. **[New or revised districts shall be established by the court of common pleas in the county within ninety days from the date of approval by the electorate of a new form of government.]** *New or revised districts shall be established by the government study commission and included in the proposed charter.*

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of July, A. D. 1975.

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