

No. 2002-75

AN ACT

SB 986

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further providing for expenses of elected county officers attending the annual meetings of their associations and for other meeting expenses paid by the counties.

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

Section 1. Section 435(a), (a.1) and (a.2) of the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, amended or added June 28, 1996 (P.L.423, No.62), are amended to read:

Section 435. Expenses of Attending; Members to be Paid by County; Time Limit on Meetings.—(a) The actual expenses of all authorized elected county officers attending the annual meetings of their associations shall be paid by the several counties out of the general county fund. Each of these officers, except the county commissioners, shall be reimbursed for actual expenses not to exceed **[one hundred ten dollars (\$110)] one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175)** per day for the number of days specified in subsection (b) of this section, together with mileage going to and returning from such meeting and the registration fee. *The sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per day as set forth in this subsection shall be adjusted annually by the annual increase in the cost of living as determined annually by the United States Department of Labor.*

(a.1) The actual expenses of all authorized nonelected county officers and employes attending the annual meetings of their associations may be paid by the several counties out of the county general fund. Each of these officers may be reimbursed for actual expenses in an amount not to exceed **[one hundred ten dollars (\$110)] one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175)** per day for the number of days specified in subsection (b) of this section, together with mileage going to and returning from such meetings and the registration fee. *The sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per day shall be adjusted annually as set forth in subsection (a) of this section.*

(a.2) Every delegate attending the annual meeting shall submit to the county an itemized account of expenses incurred at the meeting. The county may authorize employes to be compensated at their regular employe rate during their attendance at the annual meeting. The actual expenses for elected officers shall, and for nonelected officers may, be paid for the number of days specified in subsection (b). In addition, elected county officers shall receive, and nonelected county officers and employes may receive, actual expenses not to exceed **[one hundred ten dollars (\$110)]**

one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per day for each day not in excess of two in going to and returning from such meeting. The sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per day shall be adjusted annually as set forth in subsection (a).

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Section 2. Section 436(b) of the act, amended December 10, 1980 (P.L.1170, No.214), is amended to read:

Section 436. Other Meeting Expenses Paid by County.—* * *

(b) In the case of the county controllers, the sheriffs, the register of wills, the county commissioners, county solicitor and chief clerk, the prothonotaries and clerks of courts of common pleas, the county treasurers, the recorders of deeds, the public defenders and the directors of veterans' affairs, the portion of the annual expenses charged to each county *of the second class* shall not exceed **[four hundred dollars (\$400)]** *one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and to each county of the second class A shall not exceed eight hundred dollars (\$800)*; and in the case of the probation officers, an annual membership subscription not exceeding **[six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25)]** *ten dollars (\$10)* per member shall be paid by the county, and shall be in lieu of the expenses hereinbefore in this section provided for other county officers.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A.D. 2002.

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