

## No. 92

## AN ACT

## SB 670

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class, amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," permitting advertisement of the titles and summarizations in lieu of the entire text of proposed ordinances.

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

Section 1. Subclause (a) of clause I of section 1502, act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569), and amended July 1, 1969 (P.L.119, No.49), is amended to read:

Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners. The board shall have power—

I. Ordinances and Resolutions. (a) To adopt resolutions and ordinances prescribing the manner in which powers of the township shall be carried out, and generally regulating the affairs of the township. All such *proposed* ordinances, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be published at least once in one newspaper of general circulation in the township *not more than sixty days nor less than seven days prior to passage. Publication of any proposed ordinance shall include either the full text thereof or the title and a brief summary prepared by the township solicitor setting forth all the provisions in reasonable detail and a reference to a place within the township where copies of the proposed ordinance may be examined. If the full text is not included a copy thereof shall be supplied to a newspaper of general circulation in the township at the time the public notice is published. [Such ordinance shall not become effective until ten days after the publication aforesaid.] If the full text is not included an attested copy thereof shall be filed in the county law library or other county office designated by the county commissioners who may impose a fee no greater than that necessary to cover the actual costs of storing said ordinances. In the event substantial amendments are made in the proposed ordinance or resolution, upon enactment, the board shall within ten days readvertise in one newspaper of general circulation in the township, a brief summary setting forth all the provisions in reasonable detail together with a summary of the amendments.* In any case in which maps, plans or drawings of any kind are adopted as part of an ordinance, the commissioners may, instead of publishing the same as part of the ordinance, refer, in publishing the ordinance, to the place where such maps, plans or drawings are on file and may be examined. No ordinance, or resolution of a legislative character in the nature of an ordinance, shall be considered in force until

the same is recorded in the ordinance book of the township. All township ordinances shall, within one month after their passage, be recorded by the township secretary in a book provided for that purpose, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of citizens. The entry of the township ordinance in the ordinance book by the secretary shall be sufficient without the signature of the president of the board of commissioners or other person. Any and all township ordinances or portions thereof, the text of which prior to the effective date of this amendment shall have been attached to the ordinance book, shall be considered in force just as if such ordinances or portions thereof had been recorded directly upon the pages of such ordinance book: Provided, That all other requirements of this act applicable to the enactment, approval, advertising and recording of such ordinances or portions thereof were complied with within the time limit prescribed by this act.

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APPROVED—The 23rd day of June, A. D. 1976.

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