

No. 1978-129

AN ACT

HB 1823

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," authorizing the facsimile signature of county treasurers and controllers on payroll checks.

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

Section 1. Section 1751, act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as "The County Code," is amended to read:

Section 1751. Voucher Check System.—The controller shall draw and certify vouchers for all bills, claims and demands presented to him, which he approves and only for such as he approves, and shall forward the vouchers together with checks therefor with the bills, claims or demands to the county commissioners for their approval. If the county commissioners approve a voucher, at least two commissioners shall sign the check as properly drawn upon the county treasury. In such cases facsimiles of their signatures may be used. The bill, claim or demand, and the voucher therefor, shall be returned to the controller for filing in his office and the check shall be forwarded to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall sign the check as his draft upon the county treasury, but he shall not sign any check not already signed, as herein provided, by the commissioners and the controller. Vouchers shall be numbered serially before the controller forwards them to the county commissioners and every check incident thereto shall bear the same serial number as the voucher as well as the number or numbers which may be put upon it by the county treasurer. If the county commissioners refuse to approve any bill, claim or demand, they shall return the same together with the voucher and check involved to the controller for filing in his office. In counties not having a controller, the county commissioners shall approve each transaction and the voucher and check shall be drawn by their chief clerk who shall keep files of the bills, claims or demands involved and of the vouchers. At least two commissioners shall sign the checks either personally or by facsimile, and they shall be forwarded, as hereinbefore provided, to the county treasurer for his signature. In all cases the cancelled checks shall be filed in the office of the county treasurer, but he shall transmit, at such times as the controller shall establish, a list of all checks paid from the county treasury and not previously transmitted, giving their voucher serial numbers. *The county treasurer and the controller in those counties having a controller are*

authorized to use a facsimile signature on any check for the payment of wages or salaries of county employes which they are required to sign.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1978.

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