

No. 1988-10

AN ACT

SB 564

Amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L. 1656, No. 581), entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," further providing for expenses of delegates and mayors incurred in attending meetings and conventions.

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

Section 1. Section 701 of the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L. 1656, No. 581), known as The Borough Code, amended May 16, 1985 (P.L. 35, No. 17), is amended to read:

Section 701. State Association of Boroughs.—The boroughs of the Commonwealth are authorized to organize a State Association of Boroughs for the purpose of advancing the interests of the boroughs. Any borough may join the said association by motion of council and payment of the annual dues. Council may designate one or more delegates from the elected or appointed officials of the borough to attend the annual meeting of the association, which shall be held in the Commonwealth in accordance with the procedure adopted by the association. In addition to any compensation allowed by law *for each delegate [may be allowed for his expenses incurred in attending the meeting an amount not exceeding ninety dollars (\$90) per day, together with mileage going to and returning from the meeting.], the borough may, for each delegate, pay expenses which shall be limited to the registration fee, mileage for use of personal vehicle or reimbursement of actual transportation expense going to and returning from such meeting plus all other actual expenses that the council may have agreed to pay. Every delegate attending the annual meeting shall submit to the council an itemized account of expenses incurred thereat. The council may authorize borough employes to be compensated at their regular employe rate during their attendance at the annual meeting.* The time spent in attending said meeting shall not be more than four days, including the time employed in traveling thereto and therefrom. Each borough, becoming a member of the association, shall pay such reasonable dues as may be fixed by the association.

The dues and other revenues received by the association shall be used to pay for services, publications and other expenses authorized or ratified by the association, or incurred in behalf of the association, by its officers and committees.

Section 2. Sections 702 and 703 of the act are amended to read:

Section 702. County and Regional Associations of Boroughs.—The boroughs of any county or of two or more adjoining or nearby counties, may organize a county or regional association of boroughs, composed of elected and appointed borough officials in such county or counties, organized for

the purpose of furthering the interests of the boroughs in the association and their inhabitants. Any borough may annually appropriate a sum of money, not exceeding seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the support of such association[, and may also appropriate and expend borough moneys to pay the actual expenses of officials of the borough in attending meetings]. *For attendance at a meeting of the county or regional association of which such borough is a member[.], the borough may, for each delegate, pay expenses which shall be limited to the registration fee, mileage for use of personal vehicle or reimbursement of actual transportation expense going to and returning from such meeting plus all other actual expenses that the council may have agreed to pay. Every delegate attending the annual meeting shall submit to the council an itemized account of expenses incurred thereat. The council may authorize borough employes to be compensated at their regular employe rate during their attendance at the annual meeting.* Any such county or regional association of boroughs shall have the option of admitting to membership representatives of political subdivisions other than boroughs within such county or counties but representatives of such other political subdivisions shall have no voice or vote in any matter that is or may be of concern solely to boroughs.

Section 703. Other Associations and Organizations.—Any borough, by motion of council, may join other associations and organizations concerned with municipal or governmental affairs; may pay dues to and appropriate moneys for the support of and participation in such associations and organizations; and may send delegates to meetings or conventions of such associations and organizations [and pay the necessary expenses incident to their attendance at such meetings]. *In addition to any compensation allowed by law for each delegate, the borough may, for each delegate, pay expenses which shall be limited to the registration fee, mileage for use of personal vehicle or reimbursement of actual transportation expense going to and returning from such meeting plus all other actual expenses that the council may have agreed to pay. Every delegate attending the annual meeting shall submit to the council an itemized account of expenses incurred thereat. The council may authorize borough employes to be compensated at their regular employe rate during their attendance at the annual meeting. The time spent in attending the meeting or convention shall not be more than four days, including the time employed in traveling thereto and therefrom.*

Any borough, by motion of council, may authorize any of its officers and/or employes to attend meetings of professional organizations and associations, or study or training sessions for persons holding the same or similar office or employment, and may pay all or any specified portion of the necessary expenses incident to their attendance at such meetings or sessions.

Every person attending any convention, meeting or study or training session referred to in this section shall submit to the council an itemized account of his expenses thereat, including traveling expenses or mileage, that council may have agreed to pay.

Section 3. Section 704 of the act, amended May 16, 1985 (P.L.35, No.17), is amended to read:

Section 704. Associations and Organizations for Mayors.—Any mayor may join a mayors' association and borough council shall pay reasonable dues, not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25), as may be fixed by the association for each mayor belonging to that association. The mayor may attend the annual meeting of the association, which shall be held in the Commonwealth in accordance with the procedure adopted by the association. Each mayor shall be allowed **[for expenses incurred in attending the meeting an amount not exceeding ninety dollars (\$90) per day, together with mileage, at the rate otherwise provided by law, in going to and returning from the meeting.]** *expenses which shall be limited to the registration fee, mileage for use of personal vehicle or reimbursement of actual transportation expenses going to and returning from such meeting plus all other actual expenses that the council may have agreed to pay. Every mayor attending the annual meeting shall submit to the council an itemized account of expenses incurred at the annual meeting.* The time spent in attending said meeting shall not be more than four days, including time in traveling to and from the meeting.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of January, A. D. 1988.

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