

## No. 1980-74

## AN ACT

## HB 1753

Amending the act of June 13, 1961 (P.L.282, No.167), entitled "An act authorizing counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships to create historic districts within their geographic boundaries; providing for the appointment of Boards of Historical Architectural Review; empowering governing bodies of political subdivisions to protect the distinctive historical character of these districts and to regulate the erection, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or razing of buildings within the historic districts," removing second class cities from the scope of the act.

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

Section 1. Sections 1 and 2, act of June 13, 1961 (P.L.282, No.167), entitled "An act authorizing counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships to create historic districts within their geographic boundaries; providing for the appointment of Boards of Historical Architectural Review; empowering governing bodies of political subdivisions to protect the distinctive historical character of these districts and to regulate the erection, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or razing of buildings within the historic districts," are amended to read:

Section 1. The term "governing body," as used in this act, shall mean the board of commissioners of any county, the council of any city, except cities of the first *or second* class, the council of any borough or incorporated town, the board of commissioners of any township of the first class and the board of supervisors of any township of the second class.

The term "executive authority," as used in this act, shall mean the chairman of the board of commissioners of any county, the mayor of any city, except cities of the first *and second* class, the president of council of any borough or incorporated town, the president of the board of commissioners of any township of the first class and the chairman of the board of supervisors of any township of the second class.

Section 2. For the purpose of protecting those historical areas within our great Commonwealth, which have a distinctive character recalling the rich architectural and historical heritage of Pennsylvania, and of making them a source of inspiration to our people by awakening interest in our historic past, and to promote the general welfare, education and culture of the communities in which these distinctive historical areas are located, all counties, cities except cities of the first *or second* class, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships, are hereby authorized to create and define, by ordinance, a historic

district or districts within the geographic limits of such political subdivisions. No such ordinance shall take effect until the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has been notified, in writing, of the ordinance and has certified, by resolution, to the historical significance of the district or districts within the limits defined in the ordinance, which resolution shall be transmitted to the executive authority of the political subdivision.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of June, A. D. 1980.

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