

## No. 2002-7

## AN ACT

## SB 765

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 the State Association of Boroughs and for regional borough associations.

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

Section 1. Sections 701 and 702 of the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, amended January 28, 1988 (P.L.21, No.10), are amended to read:

Section 701. State Association of Boroughs.—(a) 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, 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 borough council solely may authorize the mayor and any council member who is not employed by the borough to receive total or partial reimbursement for lost wages or salary while attending the annual meeting, provided that sufficient documentation is presented to the borough council to justify the reimbursement.* 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.

(b) 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 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. 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. *The borough council solely may authorize the mayor and any council member who is not employed by the borough to receive total or partial reimbursement for lost wages or salary while attending the annual meeting, provided that sufficient documentation is presented to the borough council to justify the reimbursement.* 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 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 21st day of February, A.D. 2002.

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