

## No. 1980-172

## AN ACT

## HB 1020

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," authorizing certain boroughs to operate cable television service for borough inhabitants.

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

Section 1. Section 2471, act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as "The Borough Code," is amended to read:

Section 2471. Manufacture and Purchase of Electricity.—Any borough may manufacture or purchase electricity for the use of the inhabitants of such borough. Any borough owning or operating electric light plants may make contracts for supplying electricity for commercial purposes outside the limits of such borough, with the consent of the municipal and township authorities. Nothing in this section shall conflict with the corporate rights of any corporation empowered to supply electricity in territory adjacent to such boroughs, or with the rights of any other borough. No person, firm, or corporation shall introduce electric current for light, heat, or power purposes, without the consent of the borough authorities, into the limits of any borough which is furnishing electric current to the inhabitants: Provided, however, That this section shall not apply to any person, firm, or corporation manufacturing electricity exclusively for its own use: And provided further, That before any borough shall construct an electric light plant, or purchase the property of any person, copartnership, or electric light company, the question of the increase of the debt of such borough, for any of such purposes, shall first be submitted to the qualified voters of the borough, in the manner provided by law for the increase of indebtedness of municipal corporations. *Nothing in this act shall be construed so as to disallow any borough operating a cable television system as of July 1, 1979 from continuing to operate the same.*

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

APPROVED—The 16th day of October, A. D. 1980.

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