

No. 2015-68

AN ACT

SB 791

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled, as reenacted and amended, "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," in township officers generally, further providing for removal for failure to perform duties.

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

Section 1. Section 503 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, reenacted and amended November 9, 1995 (P.L.350, No.60), is amended to read:

Section 503. **[Removal for Failure to Perform Duties.—If any township officer fails to perform the duties of the office, the court of common pleas upon complaint in writing by five percent of the electors of the township may issue a rule upon the officer to show cause why the office should not be declared vacant. The officer shall respond to the rule within thirty days from its date of issue. Upon hearing, the court may declare the office vacant and require the vacancy to be filled under section 407.]** *Removal of Township Officers and Appointees.—Whether elected or duly appointed to fill a vacancy in elective office, a township officer shall be removable from office only by impeachment, or by the Governor for reasonable cause after due notice and full hearing on the advice of two-thirds of the Senate, or upon conviction of misbehavior in office, or of an infamous crime in accordance with the Constitution of Pennsylvania, but the officer's title to office may be tried by proceedings of quo warranto as provided by law.*

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

APPROVED—The 24th day of November, A.D. 2015

TOM WOLF