

# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Recent Actions during the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2011 Regular Session.

| <i>Doc. No.</i>   | <i>Date of Action</i> | <i>Bill Number</i> | <i>Printer's Number</i> | <i>Effective Date</i> | <i>Subject Matter</i>   |
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| <b>2011 GENERAL ACTS of Regular Session ENACTED—ACT 082 through 106</b> |                       |                    |                         |                       |   |
| 082   | Oct 27                | HB0389             | PN0353                  | 60 days               | George W. Niblock Bridge—designation  |
| 083   | Oct 27                | SB0389             | PN1200                  | 60 days               | Public School Code of 1949—further defining “vocational agricultural education”   |
| 084   | Nov 3                 | HB0278             | PN2419                  | Immediately           | The Second Class Township Code—competitive bidding of contracts   |
| 085   | Nov 3                 | HB0279             | PN2420                  | Immediately           | The First Class Township Code—general regulations concerning contracts, evasion of advertising requirements and separate specifications for branches of work  |
| 086   | Nov 3                 | HB0284             | PN2424                  | Immediately           | The County Code—commissioners sole contractors for county, contract procedures, terms and bonds, advertising for bids, and evasion of advertising requirements, bids for plumbing, heating, ventilating, electrical work, elevators and moving stairs |
| 087   | Nov 3                 | HB0288             | PN2426                  | 60 days               | Public Auditorium Authorities Law—increasing the dollar amount of supplies and materials which may be purchased without advertising   |
| 088   | Nov 3                 | HB0289             | PN2429                  | Immediately           | Municipal Flood Control—competitive bidding of contracts  |
| 089   | Nov 3                 | HB0290             | PN2626                  | Immediately*          | Second Class County Code—omnibus amendments   |
| 090   | Nov 3                 | HB0291             | PN2428                  | Immediately           | General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.) and Transportation (74 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments   |
| 091   | Nov 3                 | SB0282             | PN1584                  | Immediately           | The Third Class County Code—contracts relating to purchasing and advertising requirements   |
| 092   | Nov 3                 | SB0285             | PN1587                  | Immediately           | The Borough Code—regulation of contracts, evasion of advertising requirements and certain purchase contracts  |
| 093   | Nov 3                 | SB0286             | PN1667                  | Immediately           | Regulation of contracts, adjustment, evasion of advertising requirements and separate bids for plumbing, heating, ventilating and electrical work for buildings of incorporated towns   |
| 094   | Nov 3                 | SB0290             | PN1592                  | Immediately           | Political Subdivision Joint Purchases Law—amount of purchases subject to certain conditions   |
| 095   | Nov 3                 | SB0292             | PN1594                  | Immediately           | Flood Control Law—contracts and acquisition of property and adjustments   |
| 096   | Nov 3                 | SB0295             | PN1596                  | Immediately           | Housing Authorities Law—awards of contracts, completion bond, additional bond for protection of materialmen and others  |
| 097   | Nov 3                 | SB0296             | PN1597                  | 60 days               | Public School Code of 1949—omnibus amendments   |
| 098   | Nov 9                 | SB0314             | PN1724                  | 120 days              | Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—use of interactive wireless communications devices for text-based communications while operating motor vehicles prohibited  |

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| 099             | Nov 9                 | HB1459             | PN1765                  | Immediately           | The Third Class City Code—promotions in civil service   |
| 100             | Nov 9                 | HB1460             | PN1766                  | Immediately           | The First Class Township Code—examinations, eligibility list and manner of filling appointments in civil service for police and firemen |
| 101             | Nov 9                 | SB0200             | PN1637                  | Immediately*          | Safety in Youth Sports Act—enactment  |
| 102             | Nov 9                 | SB0566             | PN1032                  | 60 days               | “Stan the Man” Musial Bridge—designation  |
| 103             | Nov 22                | HB0563             | PN0619                  | 60 days               | Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—motorcycle safety education program   |
| 104             | Nov 22                | HB1461             | PN2625                  | Immediately*          | The Borough Code—appointments and incompatible offices and background investigations and examinations for police and firemen            |
| 105             | Nov 22                | SB0458             | PN1299                  | Immediately           | Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1966—certain terminology updated and modernized   |
| 106             | Nov 22                | SB0834             | PN1669                  | Immediately           | Counties (Title 16)—omnibus amendments  |

\* denotes an effective date with exceptions

#### Effective Dates of Statutes

The effective dates specified previously for laws and appropriation acts were contained in the applicable law or appropriation act. Where no date is specified or where the effective date specified is prior to the date of enactment, the effective date is 60 days after final enactment except for statutes making appropriations or affecting budgets of political subdivisions. See 1 Pa.C.S. §§ 1701—1704 (relating to effective dates of statutes).

#### Advance Copies of Statutes

Section 1106 of Title 1 of the *Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes* provides that the prothonotaries of each county shall file advance copies of statutes in their offices for public inspection until the *Laws of Pennsylvania* are generally available. Section 2406(h) of The Administrative Code of 1929 provides that the Department of General Services (Department) shall distribute advance sheets of the *Laws of Pennsylvania* to each law judge of the courts, to every county and public library of this Commonwealth and to each member of the General Assembly. These copies shall be furnished without charge. The Department shall also mail one copy of each law enacted during any legislative session to any person who pays to it the sum of \$20.

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