## THE GOVERNOR

## **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

Proclamation; House Bill No. 1184, Printer's No. 2928

I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have caused this Proclamation to issue and, in compliance with the provisions of Section 15 of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, do hereby give notice that I have filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with my objections thereto, the following bill passed by both houses of the General Assembly at the Regular Session of 2021-2022:

House Bill No. 1184, Printer's No. 2928, entitled "An act [a]mending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in creation and alteration, further providing for definitions, for contiguous areas, for applications, for borough advisory committee, for adjustment of indebtedness, for judicial adjustment, for judicial adjustment award proceedings, for compensation, expenses and costs, for territory located in multiple counties and for bond issues and taxation; in associations and organizations, further providing for associations and organizations for mayors; in elections of officers, further providing for eligibility; in powers, duties and rights of appointed officers and employees, further providing for appointments and incompatible offices and for police serving under cooperative agreement or contract; in corporate powers, further providing for specific powers; in taxation and finance, further providing for investment of funds; providing for solid waste collection and disposition; and, in ordinances, further providing for ordinances and resolutions and for publication."

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, at the County of Dauphin, this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Commonwealth two hundred and forty-six.

Governor

Attest:

LEIGH M. CHAPMAN,

Acting Secretary

Tan Wolf

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## **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

Notice of Veto; House Bill No. 1184, Printer's No. 2928

April 19, 2022

To the Honorable House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 1184, Printer's Number 2928.

This legislation authorizes the creation of new boroughs from any area of a municipality by petition to the court of common pleas. Pennsylvania already ranks third in the nation for the largest number of local government units. Authorizing the creation of new boroughs as prescribed in this bill, which is opposed by the Pennsylvania Municipal League, will lead to further fragmentation of local governments. Ultimately, additional local governments will result in increased costs for taxpayers for the new borough as well as the former municipality. It is unfortunate that this controversial provision was amended into the legislation when the original bill was intended to modernize aspects of the Borough Code.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 1184, Printer's Number 2928.

Sincerely,

Governor

Tan Wolf

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