

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 754 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY KEARNEY, HUTCHINSON, J. WARD, DUSH AND SCHWANK,
JUNE 22, 2021

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 22, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled
2 "An act relating to counties of the first, second class A,
3 third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes;
4 amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws
5 relating thereto; relating to imposition of excise taxes by
6 counties, including authorizing imposition of an excise tax
7 on the rental of motor vehicles by counties of the first
8 class; and providing for regional renaissance initiatives,"
9 in names and corporate powers, classification of counties,
10 further providing for ascertainment, certification and effect
11 of change of class; and making related repeals.

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

14 Section 1. Section 211 of the act of August 9, 1955
15 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended by
16 adding a subsection to read:

17 Section 211. Ascertainment, Certification and Effect of
18 Change of Class.--* * *

19 (d) Unless the board of commissioners of a county meeting
20 the requisite county population levels in section 210 enacts an
21 ordinance or adopts a resolution approving a change of
22 classification prior to February 22, 2022, as a result of the

1 delays in the 2020 Federal decennial census and the COVID-19
2 pandemic, the classification of all counties as of the effective
3 date of this subsection shall remain unchanged until the 2030
4 census, at which time the procedures established in subsections
5 (a), (b) and (c) shall apply. For the purposes of determining
6 whether a county has decreased in population so as to recede in
7 classification under subsection (b) following the 2030 decennial
8 census, both the 2020 and 2030 decennial censuses shall be
9 considered.

10 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

11 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeals under
12 paragraph (2) are necessary to effectuate the addition of
13 section 211(d) of the act.

14 (2) Sections 210 and 211 of the act of July 28, 1953
15 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, are
16 repealed.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect September 30, 2021, or
18 immediately, whichever is later.