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BILL NO.

Senate Bill 284

PRINTER'S NO.

1305

AMOUNT

No cost to the Commonwealth

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

Feb. 19, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Orié

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 284 amends the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247 of 1968) to allow municipalities participating in multi-municipal planning to amend an intergovernmental cooperation agreement in order to extend the time available to enact conforming ordinances required to implement a multi-municipal comprehensive plan. The length of extension would be for a time period specified in the amendment.

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code ("MPC") provides for planning and zoning by second through eighth class counties and all municipalities (except for first and second class cities). The MPC provides a framework for counties and municipalities to adopt comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances.

Currently, the MPC provides that conforming ordinances used to implement multi-municipal planning must be adopted by participating municipalities within two years. The legislation would grant local

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officials the ability to extend the time to enact conforming ordinances for a period specified in the amended intergovernmental cooperation agreement.

The Act takes effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is presumed there would be no costs to the Commonwealth.