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**Senate Bill 788, Printer's Number 948**

**Amending the County Code –  
Removing a requirement that the Commonwealth's share of compensation  
for the county district attorney be remitted annually**

**PROPOSAL/SUMMARY:** This bill would remove language in the County Code which requires annual remittance of the Commonwealth's share of a district attorney's salary. The bill is intended to be part of a two-bill package requiring the reimbursement to each county, as conducted by the Office of Attorney General, to occur in *equal quarterly installments*.<sup>1</sup>

**EXISTING LAW:** Section 1401(p) of the County Code currently requires the Commonwealth to *annually* reimburse each county with a full-time district attorney an amount equal to sixty-five percent of the district attorney's salary. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (Pa.C.S.), Section 3575, the statutory provision establishing the fund from which the salaries are paid, does not address the interval of reimbursement payments.<sup>2</sup>

The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) requested this legislation pursuant to CCAP Resolution No. 21 (2011). CCAP supports this change to ensure that disbursements from the Commonwealth are provided to the counties in a regular and predictable manner.

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<sup>1</sup> The other bill would amend Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pa.C.S. to specifically provide for the quarterly reimbursement. See Senate Bill 787, Printer's Number 947.

<sup>2</sup> "The money in the account is appropriated upon approval of the Governor to fulfill the provisions of section 1401(p) of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code." 42 Pa.C.S. § 3575(d).