



Acts Affecting County Government 2021

The following is a list of acts and vetoes affecting county government that passed in 2021. Included are the bill number and printer's number (bill version) and the date the act was signed into law. Copies of each act are available from the Legislature's website by clicking on the link.

[ACT 1](#) (SB 109, P.N. 144; February 5, 2021) – Amends the Fiscal Code, in COVID-19 response, to establish the Hospitality Industry Recovery Program, providing \$145 million in state funds to counties for block grants that can be awarded to offset COVID-19 related economic impacts. Counties are required to contract with one or more Certified Economic Development Organizations (CEDOs) or Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to award and administer the grants. Further creates the Rental and Utility Assistance Grant Program to administer \$569.8 million in federal relief aid, which counties will administer to provide assistance for rent, utilities and costs in arrears related to the impacts of COVID-19. The administrative cost cap for this program is set at 5%.

[ACT 4](#) (HB 326, P.N. 388; March 3, 2021) – Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), to allow the Pennsylvania National Guard, in conjunction with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), to develop plans for the establishment and operation of community distribution and administration of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and supplies, and vaccinees for a virus.

[ACT 7](#) (SB 84, P.N. 66; March 23, 2021) – Amends The County Code, to clarify the first assistant district attorney will become the district attorney in the event of a vacancy for class 2A through 8th class counties until the next municipal election. This does not change existing law for 4th through 8th class counties.

[ACT 8](#) (SB 85, P.N. 141; March 23, 2021) – Amends The Second Class County Code, to clarify the first assistant district attorney will become the district attorney in the event of a vacancy for 2nd class counties until the next municipal election.

[ACT 9](#) (SB 86, P.N. 68; March 23, 2021) – Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), to require counties under a home rule charter to follow the procedures for succession under the county codes in the event of a vacancy in the office of district attorney.