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Act No. 130 (H.856). Municipal government; miscellaneous

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to municipal law

As its title suggests, this act makes miscellaneous amendments to municipal law. Many of the amendments are technical in nature, such as amendments for the purposes of gender neutrality; of using the correct term “town” or “municipality,” as applicable; and of using the clearer term “registered voter,” rather than “legal voter.” Substantive amendments include:

- Adding to the list of municipal offices deemed incompatible (Sec. 7);
- Prohibiting the use of tobacco products in designated smoke-free areas of property or grounds owned or leased to a municipality (Sec. 8);
- Allowing a town board for the abatement of taxes to abate water and sewer charges (Sec. 13);
- Standardizing the maximum fines or monetary civil penalties permitted for municipal violations (Secs. 14-16); and
- Eliminating a municipal land development limitation on certain residential care homes or group homes located within 1,000 feet of one another (Sec. 17).

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