

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP,  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING SB 745: ESTABLISHING THE  
ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES ACT

Whereas, the current laws governing publication of local government actions are outdated and result in wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, transparent government does not have to mean the inefficient use of resources; and

Whereas, a 2006 Penn State study estimated local government advertising costs at \$26 million; and

Whereas, East Lampeter Township has spent more than \$13,500 to date in 2017 on public notices placed in local print media; and

Whereas, local government's use of technological advances in electronic media can provide citizens with equal, if not greater, access to information more quickly, efficiently and cost effectively; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 745 of 2017 authorizes local government entities to use electronic publication to notify its constituents of its various actions; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 745 contemplates a searchable statewide database accessible to all citizens; and

Whereas, use of the database would fulfill East Lampeter Township's current print media advertising requirements; and


Whereas, the cost incurred by East Lampeter Township would be limited to user fees reflecting the actual cost of administering the database; and

Whereas, the Office of Open Records is charges with database administration.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved: East Lampeter supports Senate Bill 745 providing local government entities with the option to use a statewide database for publication of its various actions and notices.

Be It Further Resolved, East Lampeter Township requests the PA General Assembly consider, affirmatively support, and move SB 745 to the Governor's desk during the 2017 – 2018 legislative session.

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP  
Board of Supervisors

  
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Chairman

  
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Attest: Township Manager

I, Ralph M. Hutchison, duly qualified Secretary of East Lampeter Township of Lancaster County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting held September 11, 2017 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of East Lampeter Township and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the East Lampeter Township, this 11th day of September, 2017.