

**Bill History**  
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**Introducer(s):**

SEN. GEORGE S. LOGAN, 17th DIST.

**Title:** AN ACT LIMITING THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN BY MUNICIPALITIES AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN.

**Statement of Purpose:** To (1) eliminate the use of eminent domain by (A) a municipality or development agency to acquire property within a municipal development project area, and (B) an implementing agency to acquire property in a development plan under the Manufacturing Assistance Act; (2) establish an Office of Property Rights Ombudsman; (3) permit a private property owner to request that the ombudsman arbitrate an eminent domain or relocation assistance dispute between the owner and a public agency; and (4) require a public agency to make a reasonable effort to negotiate with a property owner before starting an eminent domain action and provide the property owner with certain information before filing such an action, including information about the ombudsman.

**Bill History:**

01-24-2019 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Judiciary Committee

**Co-sponsor(s):**