

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1515 Session of 2017

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 28, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled, as
2 reenacted and amended, "An act concerning townships of the
3 second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and
4 changing the law relating thereto," in auditors and
5 accountants, further providing for auditor's compensation.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 902 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103,
9 No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, is amended to
10 read:

11 Section 902. Auditor's Compensation.--(a) Each auditor
12 shall receive [ten dollars (\$10)] a base amount of fifteen
13 dollars (\$15), subject to adjustment under subsection (d), for <--
14 each hour necessarily employed in the duties of the office upon
15 presentation to the board of supervisors of an itemized listing
16 of the dates, times, places and hours worked to perform the
17 audit. No auditor in a township having a population of ten
18 thousand or less is entitled to receive a base amount of more
19 than [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] one thousand five hundred

1 ~~dollars (\$1,500), subject to adjustment under subsection (d),~~ <--  
2 for completing the annual audit, settlement and adjustment. No  
3 auditor in a township having a population in excess of ten  
4 thousand is entitled to receive a base amount of more than [two  
5 thousand dollars (\$2,000)] three thousand dollars (\$3,000), <--  
6 ~~subject to adjustment under subsection (d),~~ for completing the  
7 annual audit, settlement and adjustment.

8 (b) In addition to the time actually used by the board of  
9 auditors to complete the audit, settlement and adjustment, each  
10 auditor may be compensated by a base amount at the rate of [ten  
11 dollars (\$10)] fifteen dollars (\$15), subject to adjustment <--  
12 ~~under subsection (d),~~ each hour for not more than fifty hours to  
13 audit the accounts of any public official who handles public  
14 funds when a vacancy occurs in the office of the public  
15 official.

16 (c) Each auditor shall be reimbursed for travel costs  
17 incurred in the performance of the auditing duties at the rate  
18 established by the board of supervisors under the act of July  
19 20, 1979 (P.L.156, No.51), referred to as the Uniform Mileage  
20 Fee Law, and for other expenses, including postage, notary fees  
21 or publication costs, incurred during the audit.

22 ~~(d) Adjustments to the base amounts specified under~~ <--  
23 ~~subsections (a) and (b) shall be made as follows:~~

24 ~~(1) The board of supervisors shall consult the Consumer~~  
25 ~~Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the~~  
26 ~~Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area as~~  
27 ~~published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of~~  
28 ~~Labor Statistics, for the twelve month period ending December~~  
29 ~~31, 2017, and for each successive twelve month period~~  
30 ~~thereafter.~~

1 ~~(2) If the board of supervisors determines that there is no~~  
2 ~~positive percentage change, there shall be no adjustment to the~~  
3 ~~base amounts for the following calendar year.~~

4 ~~(3) If the board of supervisors determines that there has~~  
5 ~~been an increase in the CPI-U, then the board of supervisors~~  
6 ~~shall adjust the auditor's compensation to the nearest dollar~~  
7 ~~amount and pass a resolution detailing auditor's compensation~~  
8 ~~for the following calendar year.~~

9 ~~(4) The determinations and adjustments required under this~~  
10 ~~subsection shall be made in the period between October 1 and~~  
11 ~~November 15 of the year following the effective date of this~~  
12 ~~subsection and annually between October 1 and November 15 of~~  
13 ~~each year thereafter.~~

14 ~~(5) Any adjustments determined by the board of supervisors~~  
15 ~~shall take effect on January 1 of the following calendar year.~~

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.