

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1133 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY BROWN, PENNYCUICK, KEARNEY, J. WARD, VOGEL, CULVER AND BROOKS, MARCH 28, 2024

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, MAY 6, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled "An
2 act concerning townships of the second class; and amending,
3 revising, consolidating and changing the law relating
4 thereto," in taxation and finance, further providing for
5 township and special tax levies.

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

8 Section 1. Section 3205(a)(8) of the act of May 1, 1933 <--
9 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, is
10 amended to read:

11 SECTION 1. SECTION 3205(A)(4) AND (8) OF THE ACT OF MAY 1, <--
12 1933 (P.L.103, NO.69), KNOWN AS THE SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE,
13 ARE AMENDED TO READ:

14 Section 3205. Township and Special Tax Levies.--(a) The
15 board of supervisors may by resolution levy taxes upon all real
16 property within the township made taxable for township purposes,
17 as ascertained by the last adjusted valuation for county
18 purposes, for the purposes and at the rates specified in this
19 section. All taxes shall be collected in cash.

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2 (4) AN ANNUAL TAX NOT EXCEEDING THREE MILLS TO PURCHASE AND <--
3 MAINTAIN FIRE APPARATUS AND A SUITABLE PLACE TO HOUSE FIRE
4 APPARATUS, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS TO FIRE COMPANIES LOCATED
5 INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE TOWNSHIP, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
6 TRAINING OF FIRE COMPANY PERSONNEL AND FOR FIRE TRAINING SCHOOLS
7 OR CENTERS AND TO CONTRACT WITH ADJACENT MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS
8 OR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES THEREIN FOR FIRE PROTECTION.

9 (I) THE TOWNSHIP MAY APPROPRIATE UP TO ONE-HALF, BUT NOT TO
10 EXCEED ONE MILL, OF THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM A TAX UNDER THIS
11 CLAUSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SALARIES, BENEFITS OR OTHER
12 COMPENSATION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OR A
13 FIRE COMPANY SERVING THE TOWNSHIP. FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR, THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY WAIVE THE APPROPRIATION LIMITATION
15 UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH BY RESOLUTION.

16 (II) IF AN ANNUAL TAX IS PROPOSED TO BE SET AT A LEVEL
17 HIGHER THAN THREE MILLS, THE QUESTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE
18 VOTERS OF THE TOWNSHIP.

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20 (8) An annual tax not exceeding one-half mill to support
21 ambulance, rescue and other emergency services serving the
22 township.

23 (i) The township may appropriate up to one-half of the
24 revenue generated from a tax under this clause for the purpose
25 of paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of employees
26 of the ambulance, rescue or other emergency service. For any
27 calendar year, the board of supervisors may waive the
28 appropriation limitation under this subparagraph by resolution.

29 (ii) If an annual tax is proposed to be set higher than one-
30 half mill, the question shall be submitted to the voters of the

1 township.

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