

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 597

Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY FRYER, MEBUS AND WEIDNER, MARCH 14, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 14, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled
2 "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating
4 thereto," increasing millage of annual tax for general
5 township purposes.

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

8 Section 1. Clause One of section 1709, act of June 24, 1931
9 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as "The First Class Township Code,"
10 reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569), and
11 amended November 22, 1972 (P.L.1239, No.276), is amended to
12 read:

13 Section 1709. Tax Levies.--The board of township
14 commissioners may levy taxes upon all property and upon all
15 occupations within the township made taxable for township
16 purposes, as ascertained by the valuation for county purposes
17 made by the assessors of the several counties of this
18 Commonwealth for the year for which the township taxes are
19 levied, for the purposes and at the rate hereinafter specified:
20 Provided, however, That such valuation shall be subject to

1 correction by the county commissioners of the several counties,
2 and to appeal by the taxable persons in accordance with existing
3 laws.

4 One. An annual tax for general township purposes, not
5 exceeding [thirty] thirty-five mills, unless the board of
6 township commissioners by majority action shall, upon due cause
7 shown by resolution, petition the court of quarter sessions, in
8 which case the court may order a rate of not more than five
9 mills additional to be levied: Further provided, That if, at the
10 hearing before the court of quarter sessions upon said petition,
11 of which notice shall be given as the court may direct, which
12 hearing shall be held not less than ten nor more than fifteen
13 days after said petitions shall be presented, the owners of real
14 estate having assessed valuation of fifty per centum of the
15 total assessed valuation of real estate in said township shall,
16 by petition, object to the making of an order for any additional
17 tax levy, the court shall thereupon deny the prayer of said
18 petition.

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20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.