

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 525 Session of
1999

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FEBRUARY 10, 1999

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 29, 1999

AN ACT

1 Authorizing the incurring of indebtedness, with approval of the
2 electors, of \$100,000,000 for the purchase of agricultural
3 conservation easements for the preservation of agricultural
4 land; AND MAKING A REPEAL. <—

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

7 Section 1. Question.

8 The question of incurring indebtedness of \$100,000,000 for
9 the purchase of agricultural conservation easements for the
10 preservation of agricultural land shall be submitted to the
11 electors at the next primary, municipal or general election
12 following enactment of this act.

13 Section 2. Certification.

14 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall certify the form of
15 the question under section 3 to the county boards of elections.

1 Section 3. Form of question.

2 The question under section 1 shall be in substantially the
3 following form:

4 Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness by the
5 Commonwealth of \$100,000,000 for the purchase of
6 agricultural conservation easements for the preservation
7 of agricultural land subject to implementation through
8 the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the
9 Agricultural Area Security Law?

10 Section 4. Election.

11 The election shall be conducted in accordance with the act of
12 June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania
13 Election Code, except that the time limits for advertisement of
14 notice of the election may be waived as to the question.

15 Section 5. Proceeds.

16 Proceeds of borrowing shall be used to purchase agricultural
17 conservation easements to promote the planned preservation of
18 agricultural land throughout this Commonwealth pursuant to the
19 act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural
20 Area Security Law.

21 SECTION 6. REPEAL.

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22 SECTION 14.3(F) OF THE ACT OF JUNE 30, 1981 (P.L.128, NO.43),
23 KNOWN AS THE AGRICULTURAL AREA SECURITY LAW, IS REPEALED.

24 Section ~~6~~ 7. Effective date.

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25 This act shall take effect immediately.