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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
JUNE 8, 1999

AN ACT

1 Authorizing the incurring of additional indebtedness, with
2 approval of the electors, of \$1,000,000,000 for the further
3 purchase of agricultural conservation easements for the
4 preservation of agricultural land and to provide additional
5 funds for the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation
6 Fund.

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

9 Section 1. Question.

10 The question of incurring additional indebtedness of
11 \$1,000,000,000 for the purposes specified in sections 3 and 5
12 shall be submitted to the electors at the next primary,
13 municipal or general election following enactment of this act.

14 Section 2. Certification.

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

17 Section 3. Form of question.

18 The question under section 1 shall be in substantially the

1 following form:

2 Do you favor the incurring of additional indebtedness by
3 the Commonwealth of \$1,000,000,000 for:

- 4 (1) the further purchase of agricultural conservation
5 easements for the preservation of agricultural land; and
6 (2) the provision of additional moneys for the Keystone
7 Recreation, Parks and Conservation Fund?

8 Section 4. Election.

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

13 Section 5. Proceeds.

14 Proceeds of borrowing shall be allocated and used as follows:

15 (1) Four hundred million dollars shall be deposited into
16 the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Fund to be
17 used for the preservation of additional agricultural lands by
18 the purchase of perpetual easements.

19 (2) Six hundred million dollars shall be deposited into
20 the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund to be
21 further allocated as follows:

22 (i) three hundred million dollars shall be used to
23 acquire and preserve natural areas; and

24 (ii) three hundred million dollars shall be used for
25 the purposes of the Keystone Recreation, Park and
26 Conservation Fund.

27 Section 6. Effective date.

28 This act shall take effect immediately.