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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK AND MELIO, MAY 24, 2007

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
MAY 24, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Authorizing the incurring of indebtedness, with the approval of  
2 the electors, of up to \$150,000,000 for the preservation of  
3 land for open-space uses and for the mitigation of flood  
4 hazards.

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

7 Section 1. Referendum.

8 Pursuant to the provisions of section 7(a)(3) of Article VIII  
9 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the question of incurring  
10 indebtedness of up to \$150,000,000 for the preservation of land  
11 for open-space uses and for the mitigation of flood hazards  
12 shall be submitted to electors at the next primary, municipal or  
13 general election following the effective date of this act.

14 Section 2. Certification.

15 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall forthwith certify the  
16 question to the county boards of elections.

1 Section 3. Form of question.

2 The question shall be in the following form:

3 Do you favor authorizing the Commonwealth to borrow up to  
4 \$150,000,000 for the preservation of land for open-space  
5 uses and for the mitigation of flood hazards?

6 Section 4. Conduct of referendum.

7 The election shall be conducted in accordance with the act of  
8 June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania  
9 Election Code, except that:

10 (1) Any requirements for advertising or notice related  
11 to the question are hereby waived.

12 (2) The requirement for a statement pursuant to section  
13 201.1 of the Pennsylvania Election Code is hereby waived.

14 (3) Any authority of the Secretary of the Commonwealth  
15 to determine the form of the question is hereby abrogated.

16 Section 5. Use of bond proceeds.

17 Proceeds of borrowing shall be used as determined by the  
18 General Assembly by law for the mitigation of flood hazards and  
19 to promote the purposes of the act of January 19, 1968 (1967  
20 P.L.922, No.442), entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing the  
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units  
22 thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses."

23 Section 6. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect immediately.