
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2956 Session of
1980

INTRODUCED BY FREIND, CIVERA, MICOZZIE, SPITZ, ALDEN, GANNON,
ARTY AND DURHAM, SEPTEMBER 29, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 29, 1980

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 the authorized millage limit for support
5 of fire companies and ambulance and rescue squads.

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

8 Section 1. Clauses Two and Seven of section 1709, act of
9 June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as "The First Class
10 Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955,
11 No.569), clause Two amended July 16, 1975 (P.L.63, No.38) and
12 clause Seven added May 10, 1974 (P.L.295, No.93), are amended to
13 read:

14 Section 1709. Tax Levies.--The board of township
15 commissioners may levy taxes upon all property and upon all
16 occupations within the township made taxable for township
17 purposes, as ascertained by the valuation for county purposes
18 made by the assessors of the several counties of this
19 Commonwealth for the year for which the township taxes are

1 levied, for the purposes and at the rate hereinafter specified:
2 Provided, however, That such valuation shall be subject to
3 correction by the county commissioners of the several counties,
4 and to appeal by the taxable persons in accordance with existing
5 laws.

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7 Two. An annual tax not exceeding [three] five mills for the
8 purpose of building and maintaining suitable places for the
9 housing of fire apparatus and for the purpose of purchasing,
10 maintaining and operating fire apparatus and for the purposes of
11 making of appropriations to fire companies within or without the
12 township and of contracting with adjacent municipalities or
13 volunteer fire companies therein for fire protection. If an
14 annual tax for the purposes specified in this clause is proposed
15 to be set at a level higher than [three] five mills the question
16 shall be submitted to the voters of the township, and the county
17 board of elections shall frame the question in accordance with
18 the election laws of the Commonwealth for submission to the
19 voters of the township.

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21 Seven. An annual tax not exceeding [one-half mill] two mills
22 for the purpose of supporting ambulance and rescue squads
23 serving the township.

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25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall
26 be applicable to taxes levied for fiscal years beginning on and
27 after January 1, 1981.