

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY LYNCH, BARD, BARRAR, CAPPELLI, CLARK, COLEMAN,
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STABACK, STEELMAN, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRELLO, WILT AND
WOJNAROSKI, OCTOBER 31, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 31, 2001

AN ACT

1 Establishing a select committee to study and report the
2 ramifications of repealing The Local Tax Enabling Act and
3 taxation provisions of local government codes; and
4 authorizing local government units to devise their own
5 systems of taxation.

6 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

7 (1) Taxpayers across this Commonwealth are in desperate
8 need of local tax reform.

9 (2) Local officials are in the best position to know the
10 desires of their residents for services and the ability of
11 their residents to pay local taxes.

12 (3) Legislation may be proposed to repeal the act of
13 December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax
14 Enabling Act, and the taxation provisions of local government
15 codes.

16 (4) It is critical to understand the full ramifications
17 of such legislation.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Select committee established.

3 A select committee is hereby established to study the
4 ramifications of repealing The Local Tax Enabling Act and
5 taxation provisions of local government codes and authorizing
6 local government units to devise their own systems of taxation.

7 Section 2. Select committee membership.

8 (a) Committee membership.--The committee shall be comprised
9 of six committee members. One member shall be appointed by each
10 of the following:

11 (1) The President pro tempore of the Senate.

12 (2) The Majority Leader of the Senate.

13 (3) The Minority Leader of the Senate.

14 (4) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

15 (5) The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

16 (6) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

17 (b) Time of appointments.--Appointments to the select
18 committee shall be made within 30 days of the effective date of
19 this act.

20 Section 3. Investigative powers.

21 The select committee may hold hearings, take testimony and
22 make its investigations at such places as it deems necessary in
23 this Commonwealth. Each member of the select committee shall
24 have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses
25 appearing before the select committee.

26 Section 4. Report.

27 The select committee shall submit a report with findings and
28 recommendations to the Finance Committee of the Senate and the
29 Finance Committee of the House of Representatives. The report of
30 the select committee shall be submitted within six months of the

1 effective date of this act.

2 Section 5. Expiration.

3 This act shall expire one year following the effective date
4 of this act.

5 Section 6. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect immediately.