## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 2384 Session of 2006

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, CALTAGIRONE, DALEY, DeLUCA, FRANKEL, MARKOSEK, PETRONE, RUFFING, THOMAS, WHEATLEY, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 25, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 25, 2006

## AN ACT

- Amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), entitled, as amended, "An act amending, revising and consolidating the 2 laws relating to delinquent county, city, except of the first 4 and second class and second class A, borough, town, township, school district, except of the first class and school districts within cities of the second class A, and 6 7 institution district taxes, providing when, how and upon what 8 property, and to what extent liens shall be allowed for such 9 taxes, the return and entering of claims therefor; the collection and adjudication of such claims, sales of real 10 property, including seated and unseated lands, subject to the 11 12 lien of such tax claims; the disposition of the proceeds 13 thereof, including State taxes and municipal claims recovered 14 and the redemption of property; providing for the discharge and divestiture by certain tax sales of all estates in 15 16 property and of mortgages and liens on such property, and the 17 proceedings therefor; creating a Tax Claim Bureau in each 18 county, except counties of the first and second class, to act 19 as agent for taxing districts; defining its powers and 20 duties, including sales of property, the management of property taken in sequestration, and the management, sale and 21 disposition of property heretofore sold to the county 22 23 commissioners, taxing districts and trustees at tax sales; 24 providing a method for the service of process and notices; imposing duties on taxing districts and their officers and on 25 26 tax collectors, and certain expenses on counties and for 27 their reimbursement by taxing districts; and repealing existing laws, "further defining "county" and "taxing district" to include counties of the second class. 28 29
- 30 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 31 hereby enacts as follows:

- 1 Section 1. The definitions of "county" and "taxing district"
- 2 in section 102 of the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542),
- 3 known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, amended July 3, 1986
- 4 (P.L.351, No.81) and June 18, 1998 (P.L.501, No.69), are amended
- 5 to read:
- 6 Section 102. Definitions.--As used in this act, the
- 7 following words shall be construed as herein defined, unless the
- 8 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 9 \* \* \*
- 10 "County," a county of the <u>second</u>, second A, third, fourth,
- 11 fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth class, including counties of
- 12 these classes which have adopted or may adopt home rule charters
- 13 under the act of April 13, 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), known as the
- 14 "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans [Law."] Law" or 53 Pa.C.S.
- 15 Pt. III Subpt. E (relating to home rule and optional plan
- 16 government).
- 17 \* \* \*
- 18 "Taxing District," any county, city, borough, incorporated
- 19 town, township, home rule municipality, optional plan
- 20 municipality, optional charter municipality, school district,
- 21 institution district or any similar general purpose unit of
- 22 government which may be created or authorized by statute except
- 23 counties of the first [and second] class and cities, boroughs,
- 24 incorporated towns, townships, home rule municipalities,
- 25 optional plan municipalities, optional charter municipalities,
- 26 school districts or institution districts therein and cities of
- 27 the second class A and school districts therein.
- 28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.