

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, D. EVANS, BISHOP, PARKER, YOUNGBLOOD AND  
JOSEPHS, MARCH 29, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, MARCH 29, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 13, 1988 (P.L.1190, No.146),  
2 entitled "An act establishing standards and qualifications by  
3 which local tax authorities in counties of the first and  
4 second class may make special real property tax relief  
5 provisions," further providing for deferral or exemption  
6 authority.

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

9 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of December 13, 1988  
10 (P.L.1190, No.146), known as the First and Second Class County  
11 Property Tax Relief Act, is amended by adding a subsection to  
12 read:

13 Section 4. Deferral or exemption authority.

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15 (b.1) First class school districts.--A school district of  
16 the first class shall have the authority to determine its  
17 participation in this program within its taxing jurisdiction.

18 \* \* \*

19 Section 2. Section 5(c) of the act is amended to read:

1 Section 5. Conditions of deferral or exemption.

2 \* \* \*

3 (c) Financial need or age.--

4 (1) [Neither financial need nor age of the longtime  
5 owner-occupant shall be a determinant of] Financial need or  
6 age, or both, of the longtime owner-occupant may be used to  
7 determine eligibility in a county of the first class.

8 (2) School districts and municipalities within a county  
9 of the second class may determine whether financial need,  
10 age, or both, of the longtime owner-occupant shall be used to  
11 determine eligibility.

12 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.