

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 18, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for applicability;
3 and providing for homestead exclusions in cities of the first
4 class.

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

7 Section 1. Section 8405 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 8405. Applicability.

10 It is the intent of the General Assembly that, except as
11 provided under section 8586.1 (relating to cities of the first
12 class), no provision of this subpart shall apply to any city of
13 the first class, a county of the first class coterminous with a
14 city of the first class and any school district of the first
15 class located within a city of the first class.

16 Section 2. Title 53 is amended by adding a section to read:

17 § 8586.1. Cities of the first class.

18 (a) Exclusion.--A city of the first class may exclude a

1 fixed dollar amount of the assessed value of homestead property
2 from taxes levied for city purposes or on behalf of a first
3 class school district. The city may adopt any ordinance, rule or
4 regulation providing for the exclusion that is consistent with
5 section 2(b)(vi) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
6 Pennsylvania and subsection (b).

7 (b) Amount.--The homestead exclusion established under this
8 section shall be set at an amount consistent with the
9 limitations on the reduction of taxes levied, collected and
10 transmitted by or on behalf of a distressed school district as
11 provided under section 696 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
12 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

13 (c) Definitions.--The following words and phrases when used
14 in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this
15 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "Homestead." The term shall have the same meaning as in
17 section 8401 (relating to definitions).

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.