

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1881 Session of  
1981

INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA, WAMBACH AND MANMILLER, OCTOBER 6, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 6, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 14, 1961 (P.L.324, No.188), entitled  
2 "An act relating to the establishment, operation and  
3 maintenance of the State Library and public libraries in the  
4 Commonwealth; amending, revising, consolidating and changing  
5 the laws relating thereto; imposing duties upon public  
6 officers; providing for State and local cooperation and  
7 assistance in the establishment and maintenance of libraries;  
8 prescribing penalties; and repealing existing laws,"  
9 requiring a county wishing to levy a tax to support a public  
10 library to exempt residents of a municipality appropriating  
11 funds or levying a tax for the support of a library within  
12 that municipality.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 401, act of June 14, 1961 (P.L.324,  
16 No.188), known as "The Library Code," is amended to read:

17 Section 401. Municipality Empowered to Make Appropriations  
18 for Library; Taxation.--The municipal officers of any  
19 municipality may make appropriations out of current revenue of  
20 the municipality or out of moneys raised by the levy of special  
21 taxes to establish and/or maintain a local library or to  
22 maintain or aid in the maintenance of a local library

1 established by deed, gift, or testamentary provision, for the  
2 use of the residents of such municipality. The appropriations  
3 for maintenance shall not exceed a sum equivalent to three mills  
4 on the dollar on all taxable property of the municipality  
5 annually. Special taxes for these purposes, not exceeding three  
6 mills on the dollar, may be levied on the taxable property of  
7 the municipality or the same may be levied and collected with  
8 the general taxes[: Provided, That where a county levies a  
9 special tax for the support of a public library, that tax shall  
10 not be levied upon residents of municipalities which appropriate  
11 funds or levy a tax for the support of a library within such  
12 municipality]. The provisions of this section shall not be  
13 construed to limit appropriations made for library purposes to  
14 those made from special tax levies. Wherever a special tax is  
15 levied, all income from such tax shall be used for the support  
16 and maintenance of the local library.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.