

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 249 Session of  
2001

INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, CALTAGIRONE, CORNELL, HERSHEY, TIGUE,  
WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 29, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 29, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 26, 1931 (P.L.1379, No.348), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act creating in counties of the second A and  
3 third class a board for the assessment and revision of taxes;  
4 providing for the appointment of the members of such board by  
5 the county commissioners; providing for their salaries,  
6 payable by the county; abolishing existing boards; defining  
7 the powers and duties of such board; regulating the  
8 assessment of persons, property, and occupations for county,  
9 borough, town, township, school, and poor purposes;  
10 authorizing the appointment of subordinate assessors, a  
11 solicitor, engineers, and clerks; providing for their  
12 compensation, payable by such counties; abolishing the office  
13 of ward, borough, and township assessors, so far as the  
14 making of assessments and valuations for taxation is  
15 concerned; and providing for the acceptance of this act by  
16 cities," further providing for assessment appeals.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Section 8 of the act of June 26, 1931 (P.L.1379,  
20 No.348), referred to as the Third Class County Assessment Board  
21 Law, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

22 Section 8. \* \* \*

23 (h) (1) An attorney-in-fact under a power of attorney signed  
24 by a person who has the right to appeal to the board of

1 assessment appeals may file the appeal for the person and  
2 represent the person in all aspects of the appeal.

3 (2) Representation by an attorney-in-fact under paragraph  
4 (1) shall not be construed as the unauthorized practice of law.

5 (3) The appeal of a property assessment decision from the  
6 board of assessment appeals to the court of common pleas shall  
7 be a de novo proceeding.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.