

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 967 Session of  
2003

INTRODUCED BY ROBERTS, HORSEY, McCALL, MELIO, THOMAS AND  
WASHINGTON, MARCH 25, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 25, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 22, 1933 (P.L.853, No.155), entitled "An  
2 act relating to taxation; designating the subjects, property  
3 and persons subject to and exempt from taxation for all local  
4 purposes; providing for and regulating the assessment and  
5 valuation of persons, property and subjects of taxation for  
6 county purposes, and for the use of those municipal and  
7 quasi-municipal corporations which levy their taxes on county  
8 assessments and valuations; amending, revising and  
9 consolidating the law relating thereto; and repealing  
10 existing laws," providing for cause of action for assessment  
11 violations.

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

14 Section 1. The act of May 22, 1933 (P.L.853, No.155), known  
15 as The General County Assessment Law, is amended by adding a  
16 section to read:

17 Section 518.3. Action Before District Justice for Violation  
18 of Act.--Any person aggrieved by an act or omission of an  
19 elected or appointed assessor in a county of the fourth class,  
20 fifth class, sixth class, seventh class or eighth class, or in  
21 townships of the first class, any assessor, assistant township  
22 assessor or assistant triennial assessor as set forth in section

1 451 or 452, an act or omission of the county commissioners set  
2 forth under section 453 or any person acting on behalf of any of  
3 them to perform a duty relating to assessment may bring a cause  
4 of action against the county commissioners to recover the  
5 reasonable costs and attorney fees incurred by the aggrieved  
6 person as a result of the act or omission, including those costs  
7 and fees incurred in the cause of action. The cause of action  
8 shall be filed with the district justice of the magisterial  
9 district in which the property is located. The district justice  
10 shall have jurisdiction over the cause of action.

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