



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
House of Representatives

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TO : All House Members
FROM : Hon. Will Tallman
SUBJECT : Separation of the Office of Treasurer and Tax Collector
DATE : September 13, 2011

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I plan to introduce legislation which would permit the separation of the office of treasurer and tax collector in first class townships.

In the First Class Township Code the elected township treasurer serves as the tax collector for the township. However, township commissioners in some first class townships would like to separate these offices to have an elected tax collector, but an appointed township treasurer, a configuration that exists in most boroughs and second class townships. The first class townships have found that people are interested in the tax collector position but not treasurer and vice versa. This will help our First Class Townships recruit more people.

My legislation amends the First Class Township Code to provide for the election of a tax collector and the appointment of a treasurer in all first class townships. This legislation also permits the township commissioners to appoint the same person to serve in both capacities, so the bill permits first class townships to maintain the status quo. This allows, does not mandate, it is at the prerogative of the township. The powers, duties and responsibilities of the respective offices remain essentially the same. A companion bill makes conforming amendments to the Local Tax Collection Law.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jodi Addington in my Harrisburg office at 783-8875 or via e-mail at jaddingt@pahousegop.com.