## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 467

Session of 1985

INTRODUCED BY CORNELL, BUNT, HAGARTY, REBER, NAHILL, GODSHALL, TRELLO, SIRIANNI, ARTY, VROON, B. SMITH AND PISTELLA, FEBRUARY 27, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, FEBRUARY 27, 1985

## AN ACT

Amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), entitled, as amended, "An act amending, revising and consolidating the 2 3 laws relating to delinquent county, city, except of the first 4 and second class and second class A, borough, town, township, school district, except of the first class and school districts within cities of the second class A, and 6 7 institution district taxes, providing when, how and upon what 8 property, and to what extent liens shall be allowed for such 9 taxes, the return and entering of claims therefor; the collection and adjudication of such claims, sales of real 10 property, including seated and unseated lands, subject to the 11 12 lien of such tax claims; the disposition of the proceeds 13 thereof, including State taxes and municipal claims recovered 14 and the redemption of property; providing for the discharge and divestiture by certain tax sales of all estates in 15 16 property and of mortgages and liens on such property, and the proceedings therefor; creating a Tax Claim Bureau in each 17 18 county, except counties of the first and second class, to act 19 as agent for taxing districts; defining its powers and 20 duties, including sales of property, the management of property taken in sequestration, and the management, sale and 21 22 disposition of property heretofore sold to the county 23 commissioners, taxing districts and trustees at tax sales; 24 providing a method for the service of process and notices; 25 imposing duties on taxing districts and their officers and on 26 tax collectors, and certain expenses on counties and for 27 their reimbursement by taxing districts; and repealing 28 existing laws," increasing the rate of interest charged for 29 late payment of taxes.

- The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 31 hereby enacts as follows:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 306(a) of the act of July 7, 1947
- 2 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law,
- 3 amended April 6, 1981 (P.L.7, No.3), is amended to read:
- 4 Section 306. Return of Property and Delinquent Taxes;
- 5 Interest; Settlements by Tax Collectors.--
- 6 (a) It shall be the duty of each receiver or collector of
- 7 any county, city, borough, town, township, school district or
- 8 institution district taxes, to make a return to the county
- 9 bureau on or before the first Monday of May of each year, a list
- 10 of all properties against which taxes were levied, the whole or
- 11 any part of which were due and payable in the calendar year
- 12 immediately preceding which remain unpaid, giving the
- 13 description of each such property, as it appears in the tax
- 14 duplicate, together with the amount of such unpaid taxes,
- 15 penalties and interest due to but not including the first Monday
- 16 of May of the year of return. Interest shall be charged on taxes
- 17 so returned from and after the first Monday of May of the year
- 18 of return at [the rate of six per centum (6%)] a rate
- 19 established by the county commissioners which may not exceed
- 20 <u>twelve per centum (12%)</u> per annum.
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- 22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.