

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 633 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DERMODY, READSHAW, ORIE, METCALFE, CURRY, CRUZ,
STABACK, TRELLO, LAUGHLIN, WOJNAROSKI, HERSHEY, YOUNGBLOOD,
HORSEY AND HARHAI, FEBRUARY 12, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 12, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class
3 and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and
4 changing the laws relating thereto," limiting publication of
5 property assessment information.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1980.2 of the act of July 28, 1953
9 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, added
10 December 21, 1998 (P.L.1088, No.146), is amended to read:

11 Section 1980.2. Limits on Counties of the Second Class.--(a)
12 Notwithstanding any provisions of the act of June 21, 1939
13 (P.L.626, No.294), referred to as the Second Class County
14 Assessment Law, to the contrary, when a county of the second
15 class makes its annual reassessment at values based upon an
16 established predetermined ratio as required by law or when a
17 county of the second class changes its established predetermined
18 ratio, each political subdivision which hereafter levies its
19 real estate taxes on that revised assessment or valuation shall

1 for that year reduce its tax rate, if necessary, for the purpose
2 of having the total amount of property tax revenue received
3 exclusively as a result of the reassessment or change in ratio
4 not to exceed one hundred five per cent of the total amount of
5 property tax revenue received in the preceding year,
6 notwithstanding the increased valuations of properties under the
7 annual reassessment system. For the purpose of determining the
8 total amount of revenue received exclusively as a result of the
9 reassessment or change in ratio for the year, the amount to be
10 levied on newly constructed buildings or structures or on
11 increased valuations based on new improvements made to existing
12 structures shall not be considered.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of the Second Class
14 County Assessment Law to the contrary, no office, agency,
15 department or board of a county of the second class may publish
16 individual property assessment information, including, but not
17 limited to, pictures, floor plans, room dimensions and points of
18 ingress or egress on the Internet.

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