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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," providing for alternative methods of
6 equalizing tax levies among certain school districts.

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

9 Section 1. Section 672.1, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
10 No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended June
11 30, 1971 (P.L.186, No.25), is amended to read:

12 Section 672.1. School Districts Lying in More Than One
13 County or in More Than One Municipality; Limitation on Total Tax
14 Revenues.--(a) Whenever a school district shall lie in more than
15 one county, the total taxes levied on real estate within the
16 school district in each county shall be subject to the
17 limitation that the ratio which such total bears to the most
18 recent valuation of the same properties by the State Tax
19 Equalization Board shall be uniform in all of the counties, and
20 the school district shall adjust its rate of taxation applicable

1 to the portion of the district in each county to the extent
2 necessary to achieve such uniformity; or

3 (b) As an alternative to the method provided in subsection
4 (a), whenever a school district shall lie in more than one
5 county the board of assessment and revision of taxes in any of
6 the counties or all of the counties in which the school district
7 is located shall, at the request of the school directors of the
8 district, furnish the market value of each parcel of property on
9 the tax roll required to be furnished to the school directors
10 under any assessment law of the Commonwealth. The market value
11 of each parcel shall be the quotient of the assessed value
12 divided by the latest ratio of assessed value to market value in
13 the municipality as determined by the State Tax Equalization
14 Board, or, at the option of the school district, the market
15 value of each parcel shall be the quotient of the assessed value
16 divided by the latest ratio of assessed value to market value as
17 determined by the State Tax Equalization Board in the aggregate
18 of all municipalities of the school district within the county,
19 or at the option of the school district where there are two or
20 more ratios of assessed value to market value, the school
21 directors of that school district shall select the lowest of the
22 ratios for a uniform assessed value to market value throughout
23 the school district, or at the option of the school district
24 where such school district is located in a home rule county, the
25 school directors of that school district may use the county
26 assessments.

27 The school directors shall set a tax rate based upon a
28 percentage not exceeding seventy-five (75) per centum of such
29 market values which shall be uniform throughout the district.

30 (c) In the event a school district or part thereof located

1 within one county is composed of two or more municipal
2 governments at least one of which levies property taxes upon
3 assessments made for county tax purposes and at least one of
4 which utilizes separate assessments made for municipal tax
5 purposes, the property tax levy for school district purposes
6 shall be equalized by either of the methods prescribed in
7 subsections (a) or (b). If the former method is adopted, the
8 ratio which the total taxes levied in each part of the school
9 district bears to the most recent valuation of the same
10 properties by the State Tax Equalization Board shall be uniform;
11 if the latter method is adopted, the market value of each parcel
12 of property on the tax roll shall be (i) in the case of the
13 assessment made for county tax purposes, the quotient of the
14 assessed value divided by the latest ratio of assessed value to
15 market value for that portion of the school district as
16 determined by the State Tax Equalization Board and, (ii) in the
17 case of the separate assessment for municipal tax purposes, the
18 quotient of the assessed value divided by the product of the
19 latest ratio of assessed value to market value in the
20 municipality as determined by the State Tax Equalization Board
21 and the ratio of the total assessed valuation of the same
22 properties for municipal tax purposes to the total assessed
23 valuation of said properties for county tax purposes: Provided,
24 however, That no municipality or political subdivision within a
25 school district shall pay an aggregate amount in school property
26 taxes which, as a percentage of total school property taxes,
27 shall exceed the ratio of its market value to the total market
28 value of the school district as determined by the State Tax
29 Equalization Board.

30 (d) Whenever a revision of assessment is completed in any

1 portion of a school district and the revised assessments are to
2 be used for school tax purposes the method prescribed in
3 subsection (b) above to equalize school property tax levies
4 shall not be used until the latest ratio of assessed value to
5 market value as determined by the State Tax Equalization Board
6 for that portion of the school district is based upon the
7 revised assessments.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.