

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 6, 1994

AN ACT

1 Providing an optional universal exemption for all real property.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Exemption.

5 ~~(a) General rule. Up to the first \$20,000 of the assessed~~ <—
6 ~~value of any real property where assessments are based on 100%~~
7 ~~of market value or 50% of the assessed value of the property,~~
8 ~~whichever is less, and up to the first \$20,000 reduced to an~~
9 ~~amount equivalent to the assessment ratio where assessments are~~
10 ~~based on a percentage less than 100% of market value or 50% of~~
11 ~~the assessed value of that property, whichever is less, may be~~
12 ~~exempt from any taxes imposed on real property by any county,~~

~~municipality or school district. The amount of any exemption set for use by any taxing jurisdiction in the county shall be set by the governing body of the county.~~

(A) GENERAL RULE.--

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(1) FOR TAXING JURISDICTIONS WHERE THE ESTABLISHED PREDETERMINED RATIO IS 100% OF MARKET VALUE, THE LESSER OF THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS MAY BE EXEMPT FROM ANY TAXES IMPOSED ON REAL PROPERTY BY ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT:

(I) UP TO THE FIRST \$20,000 OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION; OR

(II) UP TO 50% OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION.

(2) FOR TAXING JURISDICTIONS WHERE THE ESTABLISHED PREDETERMINED RATIO IS LESS THAN 100% OF MARKET VALUE, THE LESSER OF THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS MAY BE EXEMPT FROM ANY TAXES IMPOSED ON REAL PROPERTY BY ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT:

(I) UP TO THE AMOUNT ARRIVED AT BY MULTIPLYING \$20,000 BY THE ESTABLISHED PREDETERMINED RATIO CURRENTLY IN EFFECT FOR THE TAXING JURISDICTION; OR

(II) UP TO 50% OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION.

(3) THE AMOUNT OF AN EXEMPTION SET FOR USE BY ANY TAXING JURISDICTION SHALL BE SET BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THAT TAXING JURISDICTION.

(b) Lost revenue.--Revenues which are not collected as a result of subsection (a) may be collected by utilizing the taxing powers under the act of (P.L. , No.), known as the Optional Local Tax Enabling Act.

1 Section 2. Applicability.

2 This act shall apply to all taxes on real property due on or
3 after January 1, 1995.

4 Section 3. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect January 1, 1995.