## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 26

Session of 1995

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, DALEY, WASHINGTON, HORSEY, PRESTON AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 19, 1995

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 13, 1995

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of December 14, 1992 (P.L.866, No.137),
- 2 entitled "An act authorizing certain counties to increase the
- 3 recording fees of deeds and mortgages to support or enhance
- 4 local affordable housing efforts, "extending the act to
- 5 counties of the first class.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. The definition of "county" in section 3 of the
- 9 act of December 14, 1992 (P.L.866, No.137), known as the
- 10 Optional County Affordable Housing Funds Act, is amended to
- 11 read:
- 12 Section 3. Definitions.
- 13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 15 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 16 \* \* \*
- 17 "County." Any county of the first, second, second A, third,
- 18 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth class. [The term does

- 1 not include any county of the first class.]
- 2 Section 2. Section 4 of the act is amended to read:
- 3 Section 4. Optional fee increases.
- 4 The county commissioners or the governing body of each
- 5 county, as defined in section 3, shall have the power and may by
- 6 ordinance increase the fees charged by the recorder of deeds for
- 7 recording deeds and mortgages under the act of June 12, 1919
- 8 (P.L.476, No.240), referred to as the Second Class County
- 9 Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, the act of April 20, 1949 (P.L.644,
- 10 No.143), entitled "An act to regulate and establish the fees to
- 11 <u>be charged and collected by the recorders of deeds in counties</u>
- 12 <u>of the first class," THE FEES CHARGED FOR RECORDING DEEDS AND</u>
- 13 MORTGAGES IN COUNTIES OF THE FIRST CLASS UNDER ORDINANCES
- 14 ADOPTED UNDER THE ACT OF AUGUST 26, 1953 (P.L.1476, NO.433),
- 15 REFERRED TO AS THE PHILADELPHIA CITY-COUNTY CONSOLIDATION ACT,

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- 16 and FEES CHARGED UNDER the act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310,
- 17 No.87), referred to as the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law. The
- 18 additional fees levied by the county commissioners shall not
- 19 exceed 100% of the amounts charged on the effective date of this
- 20 act.
- 21 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.