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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 767**      Session of  
2001

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INTRODUCED BY ROBBINS, THOMPSON, STOUT, CONTI AND WOZNIAK,  
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REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 3, 2001

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled, as  
2 reenacted and amended, "An act concerning townships of the  
3 second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and  
4 changing the law relating thereto," further providing for  
5 county associations and for the State Association of Township  
6 Supervisors.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 1401 and 1402 of the act of May 1, 1933  
10 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code,  
11 reenacted and amended November 9, 1995 (P.L.350, No.60), are  
12 amended to read:

13 Section 1401. County Associations.--(a) County associations  
14 of township officials may be formed. County associations shall  
15 hold annual or semi-annual conventions at places determined by  
16 the association to consider and discuss questions and subjects  
17 pertaining to improvement of township government, assessment of  
18 property, collection of taxes and construction, improvement and  
19 maintenance of roads. Associations of two or more adjacent

1 counties may arrange to meet in joint sessions.

2 (b) The supervisors, auditors, assessors, tax collectors,  
3 managers, solicitors, engineers, treasurer and secretary of the  
4 board of supervisors shall attend the conventions when possible.

5 (c) (1) Each supervisor, auditor, assessor, tax collector,  
6 manager, solicitor, engineer, treasurer and secretary attending  
7 the convention shall receive a certificate, signed by the  
8 secretary of the county association, attesting their presence at  
9 the convention. The certificate entitles the official to collect  
10 from the township treasurer the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35)  
11 for each day's attendance, expenses which are limited to the  
12 registration fee, mileage for use of a personal vehicle or  
13 reimbursement of actual transportation expense going to and  
14 returning from the meeting plus all other actual expenses that  
15 the board of supervisors agrees to pay. Every delegate attending  
16 the meeting shall submit to the board of supervisors an itemized  
17 account of expenses incurred at the meeting.

18 (2) If the meeting is held during township employes' normal  
19 work schedule, the board of supervisors may authorize township  
20 employes to be compensated at their regular employe rate during  
21 their attendance at the meeting, in which case the employe is  
22 not entitled to the thirty-five dollars (\$35) mentioned in this  
23 section.

24 (3) The board of supervisors may authorize a supervisor who  
25 is not employed by the township to receive total or partial  
26 reimbursement for lost wages or salary while attending the  
27 annual meeting, in which case the supervisor is not entitled to  
28 the thirty-five dollars (\$35) mentioned in this section,  
29 provided that sufficient documentation of such wages or salary  
30 is presented to the board of supervisors to justify the

1 reimbursement.

2 (4) No supervisor, auditor, assessor, tax collector,  
3 manager, solicitor, engineer, treasurer or secretary shall be  
4 paid for more than two days' attendance in any one year.

5 (d) The officers of the association shall consist of a  
6 president, one or two vice-presidents, a secretary and a  
7 treasurer, all of whom, except the secretary, shall be members  
8 of the association and shall hold office for one year or until  
9 their successors are chosen. The secretary of the association  
10 may be compensated for services an amount determined by the  
11 members of the association. Every supervisor, assessor, tax  
12 collector, manager, secretary, treasurer and auditor attending  
13 the convention may vote on policy matters and in the election of  
14 officers of the association.

15 (e) Expenses of each county association convention shall be  
16 paid from dues assessed by the association on each member  
17 township or from other funds as the members of the county  
18 association determine.

19 (f) Each county association of township officials may elect  
20 one township supervisor, township manager, township treasurer or  
21 township secretary for each ten townships, or fraction thereof,  
22 within the county, as a voting delegate to each annual meeting  
23 of the State association, but each county association is  
24 entitled to a minimum of two delegates at each meeting. These  
25 delegates' expenses may be paid by the respective county  
26 association.

27 Section 1402. State Association of Township Supervisors  
28 Authorized.--(a) The formation of a State Association of  
29 Township Supervisors is authorized.

30 (b) The State association shall hold annual meetings, at a

1 time and place within this Commonwealth as it may designate, to  
2 discuss questions and subjects pertaining to the duties of  
3 elected and appointed township officials and the improvement of  
4 township government.

5 (c) The State association, at its annual meeting, by  
6 majority vote of all qualified voting delegates present, may  
7 adopt and amend bylaws to govern the State association. The  
8 bylaws shall govern the qualification of delegates, election of  
9 officers, their designation, qualifications and duties, payment  
10 of dues and other organizational matters. The State association  
11 shall function under the bylaws to advance the interest of  
12 township government.

13 (d) The board of supervisors may designate one or more of  
14 the following elected or appointed officials of the township to  
15 attend the annual meeting of the State association: supervisors,  
16 secretary, treasurer and manager. The convention shall be held  
17 in this Commonwealth under the procedures adopted by the State  
18 association.

19 (e) Each township with dues paid in the State association  
20 shall elect one of those delegates designated in subsection (d)  
21 to be the voting delegate at the convention.

22 (f) Each township shall certify the name and address of its  
23 delegate or delegates and the designated voting delegate to the  
24 State association at least thirty days before the opening of the  
25 State convention.

26 (g) (1) The expenses allowed to the delegates attending the  
27 annual meeting are limited to the registration fee, mileage for  
28 use of a personal vehicle or reimbursement of actual  
29 transportation expense going to and returning from the meeting  
30 plus all other actual expenses that the board of supervisors

1 agrees to pay. Every delegate attending the annual meeting shall  
2 submit to the board of supervisors an itemized account of  
3 expenses incurred at the meeting.

4 (2) The board of supervisors may authorize township employes  
5 to be compensated at their regular employe rate during their  
6 attendance at the annual meeting.

7 (3) The board of supervisors may authorize a supervisor who  
8 is not employed by the township to receive total or partial  
9 reimbursement for lost wages or salary while attending the  
10 annual meeting, provided that sufficient documentation is  
11 presented to the board of supervisors to justify the  
12 reimbursement.

13 (4) No delegate shall receive expenses for attending more  
14 than four days each year.

15 (h) Membership dues of the State association are legal  
16 expenses of the townships and shall be used for the payment of  
17 expenses incurred, including, but not limited to, the rental or  
18 acquisition of real estate to be used for State association  
19 purposes and activities, cost of publications, salaries, cost of  
20 services provided to or for townships and other expenses  
21 incurred on behalf of the State association.

22 (i) The State association may purchase, receive, lease as  
23 lessee, accept by gift or devise or otherwise acquire and own,  
24 use and otherwise deal with any real estate in its own name for  
25 association purposes and mortgage, sell and convey, lease as  
26 lessor and otherwise dispose of all or part of the real estate.

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