

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1186 Session of
2001INTRODUCED BY GERLACH, JUBELIRER, CONTI, WAUGH AND HELFRICK,
NOVEMBER 1, 2001

REFERRED TO FINANCE, NOVEMBER 1, 2001

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, restricting school districts from increasing
3 property taxes under certain circumstances.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That Article VIII be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 18. Limitation on school district levy of property taxes.

10 No school district that fails to adopt a homestead property
11 or farmstead property exclusion for property taxes may increase
12 the rate of property tax levied upon farmers or persons who are
13 more than 65 years of age unless the percentage of the increase
14 is at or below the annual percentage increase in the Statewide
15 average weekly wage from the previous year.

16 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
17 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the

1 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
2 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
3 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
4 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
5 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
6 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

7 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
8 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
9 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
10 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
11 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
12 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
13 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
14 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
15 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
16 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
17 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
18 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
19 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
20 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
21 passed by the General Assembly.