THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR EICHELBERGER, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, JUNE 12, 2012

AN ACT

1	Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled
2	"An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,
3	revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating
4	thereto," providing for appointment of township treasurers
5	and election of tax collectors; further defining the duties
6	and authority of the board of township commissioners; and
7	making repeals.
8	AMENDING THE ACT OF JUNE 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, NO.331), ENTITLED
9	"AN ACT CONCERNING TOWNSHIPS OF THE FIRST CLASS; AMENDING,
10	REVISING, CONSOLIDATING, AND CHANGING THE LAW RELATING
11	THERETO, " PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP TREASURERS
12	AND ELECTION OF TAX COLLECTORS; AND FURTHER DEFINING THE
13	DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS.
14	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15	hereby enacts as follows:
16	Section 1. Sections 227 and 503 of the act of June 24, 1931 ←
17	(P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code,
18	reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569), are
19	amended to read:
20	Section 227. Election of [Treasurer] Tax Collector in New
21	Townships. At [such] the municipal election, the qualified
22	electors of [such] a new township shall elect a [township
23	treasurer] tax collector for a two or four year term so that

- 1 [his] the term shall expire at the same time as the terms of
- 2 [treasurers] tax collectors of other townships of the first
- 3 class under the provisions of this act. Thereafter the term of
- 4 [treasurer] tax collector of said township shall be four years
- 5 from the first Monday of January next following his election.
- 6 Section 503. Elected Officers Enumerated. The electors of
- 7 each township shall elect (a) at least five township
- 8 commissioners, (b) one township [treasurer] tax collector, (c)
- 9 except as hereinafter otherwise provided, one township assessor-
- 10 and one assistant township assessor, and (d) except as otherwise-
- 11 hereinafter provided, three elected auditors or one appointed
- 12 auditor, or one controller where such office has been
- 13 established. [All elected] <u>Elected</u> township officers shall be
- 14 registered electors of the township.
- 15 Section 2. Subdivision (c) heading of Article V of the act
- 16 is amended to read:
- 17 (c) [Treasurer] Tax Collector
- 18 Section 3. Section 510 of the act is amended to read:
- 19 Section 510. [Election of Treasurer.—At the municipal—
- 20 election in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty three,
- 21 and every fourth year thereafter, the electors of each township-
- 22 shall elect a township treasurer for a term of four years, from
- 23 the first Monday of January next following his election.
- 24 When the township treasurer is unable to perform the duties
- 25 of his office and fails or refuses to appoint a deputy, the
- 26 court of common pleas, on petition of the township commissioners-
- 27 shall appoint a deputy treasurer to serve until the treasurer is-
- 28 again able to perform the duties of his office, or until such
- 29 deputy is removed by the court, but in no instance shall such
- 30 deputy serve beyond the term of the treasurer in whose office he-

- 1 is serving as deputy treasurer. The court shall also fix the
- 2 compensation of such deputy treasurer at a rate not to exceed
- 3 that paid to the elected township treasurer. For the time such
- 4 deputy shall serve such compensation shall be deducted from the
- 5 compensation otherwise payable to the township treasurer. Such-
- 6 deputy shall furnish bond in the same manner as the bond of the
- 7 treasurer.] <u>Election of Tax Collector. (a) At the municipal</u>
- 8 <u>election in 2009 and every fourth year thereafter, the electors</u>
- 9 of each township shall elect one tax collector to serve for a
- 10 term of four years from the first Monday of January after the
- 11 <u>election</u>, except when vacancies create shorter terms. Tax
- 12 <u>collectors shall reside in the township from which they are</u>
- 13 <u>elected and shall have resided in that township continuously for</u>
- 14 <u>at least one year immediately preceding their election.</u>
- 15 <u>(b) If the electors of a township fail to choose a tax</u>
- 16 <u>collector or if a person elected to the office fails to give the</u>
- 17 required bond or take the required oath, the vacancy shall be
- 18 <u>filled as provided in section 530.</u>
- 19 (c) Compensation for tax collectors shall be fixed by
- 20 ordinance as provided in section 603.
- 21 Section 4. Section 511 of the act is repealed:
- 22 [Section 511. Eligibility. The same person may hold the
- 23 office of township treasurer and treasurer of the school
- 24 district, but no township treasurer shall hold any other
- 25 township office except that of tax collector.
- 26 Section 5. Section 530 of the act, amended May 1, 1981
- 27 (P.L.32, No.12), is amended to read:
- 28 Section 530. Vacancies in General. (a) When a vacancy
- 29 occurs in the office of township commissioner, auditor,
- 30 controller, [treasurer,] tax collector, assessor, assistant

- 1 auditor, or assistant triennial assessor in any township, by
- 2 reason of death, resignation, removal from the township or ward,
- 3 or otherwise, the board of township commissioners of such
- 4 township shall fill such vacancy by appointing by resolution a
- 5 registered voter of the ward or township, as the case may be, in-
- 6 which the vacancy occurs.
- 7 (b) If the board of township commissioners of any township
- 8 shall refuse, fail, or neglect, or be unable for any reason
- 9 whatsoever, to fill such vacancy within thirty (30) days after
- 10 the vacancy occurs, then the vacancy board shall fill the
- 11 vacancy within fifteen (15) additional days by appointing a-
- 12 registered elector of the ward or township, as the case may be,
- 13 in which the vacancy occurs. The vacancy board shall consist of
- 14 the board of commissioners and one registered elector of the-
- 15 township, who shall be appointed by the board of township
- 16 commissioners at the board's first meeting each calendar year or
- 17 as soon thereafter as practical, and who shall act as chairman
- 18 of the vacancy board. If the vacancy board does not fill the
- 19 vacancy within the prescribed time, the chairman shall, or in-
- 20 the case of a vacancy in the chairmanship the remaining members-
- 21 of the vacancy board shall, petition the court of common pleas
- 22 to fill the vacancy by appointing a registered elector of the
- 23 ward or township, as the case may be, in which the vacancy
- 24 occurs. In the case where there are vacancies in a majority of
- 25 the offices of commissioners, the court of common pleas shall
- 26 fill such vacancies upon presentation of petition signed by not-
- 27 less than fifteen (15) registered electors of the township. In-
- 28 all cases, the person so appointed shall hold the office if the-
- 29 term thereof continues so long, until the first Monday in
- 30 January after the first municipal election occurring more than

- 1 sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, at which election an-
- 2 eligible person shall be elected for the remainder of the term-
- 3 and shall have been a resident of the township continuously for-
- 4 at least one (1) year before his appointment. In townships
- 5 divided into wards, all appointed commissioners shall reside in
- 6 the ward in which the vacancy occurred and shall have resided in
- 7 said ward continuously for at least one (1) year before
- 8 appointment.
- 9 <u>(c)</u> No person who was convicted of or pled guilty or no-
- 10 contest to a felony shall be eligible for appointment to fill a
- 11 vacancy on the board of commissioners for a period of three (3)
- 12 years from the date of the conviction or plea.
- 13 Section 6. Section 602 of the act, amended September 7, 1955
- 14 (P.L.563, No.140), is amended to read:
- 15 Section 602. Bonds. When any officer or employe of any
- 16 township is required to give bond for the faithful performance
- 17 of his duties, [such] the bond shall be with a surety company or
- 18 other company authorized by law to act as surety and the
- 19 township shall pay the premium on [such] the bond, except that
- 20 the premium on bond of township [treasurer as] tax collector
- 21 shall be paid by the respective taxing districts, as provided by
- 22 the [Local Tax Collection Law, approved May twenty-five, one-
- 23 thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1050), and its-
- 24 amendments.] <u>act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as</u>
- 25 the "Local Tax Collection Law."
- Section 7. Section 603 of the act, amended February 25, 1976
- 27 (P.L.52, No.21), is amended to read:
- 28 Section 603. Compensation. (a) Elected officers of
- 29 townships other than tax collector shall receive such salary,
- 30 compensation or emoluments of office as may from time to time be-

- 1 fixed by ordinance of the township in accordance with provisions
- 2 of section 703.
- 3 (b) Tax collectors shall receive such salary, compensation
- 4 or emoluments of office as may from time to time be fixed by
- 5 ordinance of the township in accordance with the act of May 25,
- 6 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the "Local Tax Collection"
- 7 Law."
- 8 <u>(c)</u> Any change in salary, compensation or emoluments of
- 9 office of an elected officer shall become effective at the
- 10 beginning of the next term of the elected officer.
- 11 (d) Appointed officers and employes of the township shall
- 12 receive such compensation for their services as the township-
- 13 commissioners shall prescribe.
- 14 Section 8. Article VIII heading of the act is repealed:
- 15 [ARTICLE VIII
- 16 TOWNSHIP TREASURER
- 17 Section 9. Section 801 of the act, amended July 2, 1953
- 18 (P.L.326, No.71), is repealed:
- 19 [Section 801. Fidelity Bond. -- The treasurer of each township-
- 20 shall give a fidelity and not a surety bond to the Commonwealth-
- 21 in a sum to be prescribed by ordinance or resolution and at-
- 22 least equal to fifty per centum of the probable amount of the
- 23 annual township tax. Such bond shall be subscribed by a surety-
- 24 company or companies duly authorized to do business in this
- 25 Commonwealth. The bond given by the treasurer shall be-
- 26 conditioned on a just accounting for and paying over all moneys-
- 27 belonging to the township funds that may come into his hands, as-
- 28 treasurer, from taxation or otherwise, for the payment over-
- 29 thereof only in the manner prescribed by law, for the delivery
- 30 to his successor in office of all papers, books, documents, and

- 1 other things held in right of his office, for the payment to
- 2 such successor of any balance in money remaining in his hands or
- 3 charged against him in the settlement of his accounts, and that,
- 4 as tax collector of township, county, poor, institution
- 5 district, and school taxes, he shall account for and pay over
- 6 all moneys received by him as taxes, penalties and interest. The
- 7 township treasurer and his sureties shall be discharged from
- 8 further liability on any bond as tax collector as soon as all
- 9 tax items, contained in the duplicates delivered to him, are-
- 10 either—(1) collected and paid over to the proper taxing—
- 11 district; or (2) set forth in schedules filed with or certified
- 12 to the proper tax authorities; or (3) returned to the county
- 13 commissioners for sale of the real estate by the county-
- 14 treasurer, or returned in accordance with the Real Estate Tax
- 15 Sale Law approved July 7, 1947, Pamphlet Laws 1368; or (4) in
- 16 the case of occupation, poll, and per capita taxes, accounted
- 17 for by payment over or by exoneration which shall be granted by
- 18 the taxing district upon oath or affirmation that as tax-
- 19 collector he has complied with section 20 of the Local Tax-
- 20 Collection Law approved May 25th, 1945 (Pamphlet Laws 1050). The-
- 21 township treasurer shall be required to give but one bond, which
- 22 shall include his duties as township treasurer and collector of
- 23 township, county, school, institution district, and poor taxes,
- 24 and shall cover the full term of his office. Should the
- 25 township, county, school district, institution district or poor-
- 26 district be of the opinion at any time, that the bond given is-
- 27 not sufficient, additional security may be required to be given
- 28 at the expense of the taxing district requiring the same. The
- 29 treasurer shall not, in any event, be required to give bond or
- 30 bonds aggregating an amount in excess of the taxes to be

- 1 collected by him. The bond or bonds given by the township
- 2 treasurer shall be for the use of the township, the county, the
- 3 institution district, and the school district. Said bond shall
- 4 be filed with the township commissioners.
- 5 Section 10. Sections 803, 804, 805, 806, 807 and 808 of the
- 6 act are repealed:
- 7 [Section 803. Accounts to Be Kept by Treasurer. Every-
- 8 township treasurer shall take charge of all township moneys from
- 9 all sources, and promptly deposit the same in a bank, banking
- 10 institution or trust company in the name of the township, and
- 11 keep distinct accounts of all sums received from taxes and other
- 12 sources, which accounts shall at all times be open to the
- 13 inspection of the commissioners and township auditor or
- 14 controller. He shall annually state his accounts, and lay the
- 15 same, together with the books and the vouchers, before the
- 16 township auditors or controller for audit.
- 17 Section 804. Payment of Moneys on Orders. The township
- 18 treasurer shall pay out the moneys coming into his hands only on-
- 19 orders, numbered in the order of their issue, signed by the
- 20 president or vice president and attested by the secretary or
- 21 assistant secretary of the board, and designating the-
- 22 appropriation out of which the orders shall be paid. The
- 23 signature of the president or vice-president may be a facsimile-
- 24 signature. Any township treasurer who shall pay out moneys in
- 25 his hands except upon such orders, or shall pay out moneys in
- 26 excess of the appropriation, shall be allowed no credit in the
- 27 settlement of his accounts for the sum or sums so paid out, nor-
- 28 shall he have any claim or right of action against the township
- 29 therefor.
- 30 Section 805. Powers as Tax Collector. The township

- 1 treasurer, by virtue of his office as treasurer, shall be tax-
- 2 collector. He shall collect all county, institution district,
- 3 township, school, and other taxes, within such township, levied
- 4 by authorities empowered to levy taxes. He shall, in addition to
- 5 the powers, duties, and responsibilities enumerated in this act,
- 6 have all the powers, perform all the duties, and be subject to
- 7 all the obligations and responsibilities as are now by law-
- 8 vested in, conferred upon, or imposed upon, collectors of the
- 9 several classes of taxes hereinbefore mentioned.
- 10 It is the purpose and intent of this section that no local
- 11 taxes shall be collected in any township, except by the
- 12 treasurer of the township.
- 13 Section 806. Oath. The treasurer of every township shall,
- 14 before he enters upon the duties of his office as collector of
- 15 taxes for the county, take and subscribe an oath of office and
- 16 file the same in the office of the court of quarter sessions.
- 17 Section 807. Special Funds; Penalty. Whenever any moneys
- 18 are collected in any township for any special purpose and are
- 19 paid into the hands of the treasurer of such township, it shall-
- 20 be unlawful for such treasurer to apply such moneys, or any part-
- 21 thereof, to any purpose other than that for which such moneys
- 22 were collected. Every such misapplication shall be a
- 23 misdemeanor. Upon conviction of such offense, the treasurer
- 24 shall be punished by a fine of not less than the amount so-
- 25 misapplied, or by imprisonment for not less than three months
- 26 and not more than one year.
- 27 Section 808. Depositories of Township Funds; Selection;
- 28 Bonds. The board of commissioners shall, from time to time,
- 29 designate, by resolution, a depository or depositories for
- 30 township funds. Such depository or depositories shall be banks,

- 1 banking institutions or trust companies located in the-
- 2 Commonwealth.
- 3 Depositories so designated shall, upon receipt of notice of their selection as a depository of township funds, either 4 furnish a bond to secure payment of deposits of township funds-5 and any interest to the township, with a proper warrant to-6 7 confess judgment in favor of the township, secured by a surety-8 company or individual sureties to be approved by the board of commissioners, or deposit obligations of the United States, or 9 10 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any political subdivision thereof, to secure the payment of township deposits and any 11 12 interest thereon. Such surety bonds shall be in a sum, to be 13 fixed by ordinance or resolution, at least equal to the probable-14 greatest amount of such deposit at any one time. The market value of deposit bonds shall be, at all times, at least equal to-15 one hundred and twenty per centum of the amount of township-16 funds to be secured. Such deposit bonds shall be accompanied by 17 18 proper assignments or powers of attorney to transfer the same. 19 In the event of the failure of the depository to pay to the 20 township the full amount of such deposits and interest thereon, such bonds and the proceeds of sale thereof shall belong to the 21 township until it shall receive therefrom the full amount of 22 23 such deposits and interest thereon, and the township shall have 24 a prior standing as respects such bonds and be in all respects 25 preferred to any and all claims except such as have heretofore-26 been preferred by law. 27 Nothing herein contained shall be construed to require a 28 depository to furnish bond or collateral security to cover the 29 amount of any deposit to the extent that the same is insured

with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Τ	The township treasurer shall, upon the designation and
2	qualification of such depository or depositories, immediately
3	transfer thereto the township funds, and shall thereafter keep
4	such deposits solely in such depository or depositories in the
5	name of the township.
6	No township treasurer complying with the provisions of this-
7	section, nor his surety or sureties, shall be chargeable with
8	losses in township funds caused by the failure or negligence of
9	such depository or depositories.]
10	Section 11. The act is amended by adding articles to read:
11	ARTICLE VIII-A
12	APPOINTED TOWNSHIP TREASURER
13	Section 801-A. Township treasurer.
14	(a) Appointment. The board of township commissioners shall
15	appoint a township treasurer, who may be an elected officer or
16	employe of the township, to serve at the pleasure of the board
17	of township commissioners.
18	(b) Compensation. The board of township commissioners shall
19	determine the compensation of the township treasurer. When a
20	township commissioner is appointed as township treasurer, the
21	board of auditors or controller shall determine the
22	compensation. A person may not receive hourly compensation for
23	work as a superintendent, roadmaster or laborer for time spent
24	in the performance of the duties of township treasurer.
25	(c) Deputy. When the township treasurer is unable to
26	perform the duties of office or fails to appoint a deputy
27	treasurer, the board of township commissioners may appoint a
28	deputy treasurer to serve until the treasurer is again able to
29	perform the duties of his office. The deputy treasurer shall be
30	bonded for the same amount as the township treasurer when acting

1	in the capacity of township treasurer. The board of township
2	commissioners shall determine the compensation of the deputy
3	treasurer. When a township commissioner is appointed as deputy
4	treasurer, the board of auditors or controller shall determine
5	the compensation.
6	Section 802 A. Treasurer's bond.
7	The township treasurer shall give a fidelity bond to the
8	Commonwealth in an amount prescribed by ordinance or resolution
9	and at least equal to fifty per centum of the amount of township
10	funds estimated by the board of township commissioners to be
11	available to the township treasurers at any time during the
12	current year. The bond shall be subscribed by a surety company
13	or companies duly authorized to do business in this
14	Commonwealth. The bond given by the treasurer shall be
15	conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties as stated
16	in section 803 A. The treasurer shall not, in any event, be
17	required to give bond or bonds aggregating an amount in excess
18	of the taxes to be paid over to him by the tax collector.
19	Section 803 A. Treasurer's duties.
20	The township treasurer shall:
21	(1) Receive all moneys due the township and promptly
22	deposit them in a designated depository in the name of the
23	township.
24	(2) Keep distinct and accurate accounts of all sums
25	received from taxes and other sources, which accounts shall
26	be open to the inspection of the board of commissioners,
27	township auditor or controller.
28	(3) Annually state the accounts with the books and
29	vouchers for audit by the township auditors or controller.
30	(4) Pay out all moneys of the township only on orders

Τ	signed by the president or vice president and attested by the
2	secretary or assistant secretary of the board, and
3	designating the appropriation out of which the orders shall
4	be paid. The signature of the president or vice president may
5	be by facsimile signature. When a treasurer pays out moneys
6	except upon orders or pays moneys in excess of the
7	appropriation, he shall receive no credit in the settlement
8	of his accounts for those amounts, nor shall he have any
9	claim or right of action against the township.
10	(5) Preserve the account books, papers, documents and
11	other things held in right of his office and turn them over
12	to the successor in office.
13	(6) Pay over to the successor any balance in money
14	remaining in his hands or charged against him in the
15	settlement of his accounts.
16	Section 804 A. Penalty for failure to perform duties.
17	A township treasurer or deputy treasurer who fails to perform
18	any duties of the office other than those for which specific
19	penalties are provided commits a summary offense and, in
20	addition to the fine or penalty which may be imposed upon
21	conviction, is required to pay to the township an amount equal
22	to the amount of the financial loss that occurred, if any, for
23	not performing the duties of the office. That person is
24	disqualified from holding the office of township treasurer or
25	<u>deputy treasurer.</u>
26	Section 805 A. Use of special funds; penalty.
27	When any moneys are collected for any special purpose, no
28	township treasurer or township commissioner may apply those
29	moneys to any purpose other than that for which they were
30	collected. Every misapplication shall be a misdemeanor of the

1	third degree, and, in addition to the fine or penalty which may
2	be imposed upon conviction, the defendant shall be required to
3	pay restitution in the amount of moneys improperly spent.
4	Section 806 A. Depositories of township funds.
5	The following shall apply:
6	(1) The board of township commissioners shall designate
7	by resolution a depository or depositories for township
8	funds. Any funds deposited with any banking institution of
9	this Commonwealth shall be insured with the Federal Deposit
10	Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share
11	Insurance Fund or their successor agencies, to the extent
12	that accounts are so insured. The designation is valid for a
13	period of one year or until another depository or other
14	depositories are designated by similar action of the board of
15	township commissioners.
16	(2) The depository or depositories shall be banks,
17	banking institutions or trust companies located in this
18	<u>Commonwealth.</u>
19	(3) The depository or depositories shall not be required
20	to furnish bond or collateral security to cover the amount of
21	any deposit to the extent that the same is insured with the
22	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
23	(4) The township treasurer or deputy treasurer shall,
24	upon the designation of the depository or depositories by the
25	board of township commissioners, immediately transfer thereto-
26	the township funds and after that make deposits solely in the

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sureties, shall be chargeable with losses of township funds

depository or depositories in the name of the township.

with the provisions of this section, nor his surety or

(5) No township treasurer or deputy treasurer complying

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2	or depositories.
3	(6) The depository or depositories shall furnish a bond
4	to secure payment of deposits of township funds and any
5	interest to the township, with a proper warrant to confess
6	judgment in favor of the township, secured by a surety
7	company or individual sureties to be approved by the board of
8	commissioners, or deposit obligations of the United States,
9	or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any political
LO	subdivision thereof, to secure the payment of township
11	deposits and any interest thereon. Such surety bonds shall be
12	in a sum, to be fixed by ordinance or resolution, at least
13	equal to the probable greatest amount of such deposit at any
L 4	one time. The market value of deposit bonds shall be, at all
L 5	times, at least equal to one hundred and twenty per centum of
16	the amount of township funds to be secured. Such deposit
17	bonds shall be accompanied by proper assignments or powers of
18	attorney to transfer the same. In the event of the failure of
L 9	the depository to pay to the township the full amount of such
20	deposit and interest thereon, bonds and the proceeds of sale
21	thereof shall belong to the township until it shall receive
22	therefrom the full amount of such deposits and interest
23	thereon, and the township shall have a prior standing as
24	respects such bonds and be in all respects preferred to any
25	and all claims except such as have heretofore been preferred
26	by law.
27	<u>ARTICLE VIII-B</u>
28	<u>TAX-COLLECTOR</u>
29	Section 801 B. Powers and duties of tax collector.
2 0	The tourship tay collector shall collect all county

- 1 institution district, township, school and other taxes levied
- 2 within such townships by authorities authorized to levy taxes.
- 3 The tax collector may also be designated in the tax levving
- 4 <u>ordinance or resolution or be employed by the tax levying</u>
- 5 authority to collect taxes levied under the act of December 31,
- 6 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act. In
- 7 <u>addition to the powers, duties and responsibilities under this</u>
- 8 <u>act, the tax collector shall exercise all the powers and perform</u>
- 9 <u>all the duties and be subject to all the obligations and</u>
- 10 responsibilities for the collection of taxes as are conferred
- 11 upon tax collectors by law.
- 12 Section 12. Section 1502 XIII of the act, amended May 31,
- 13 1955 (P.L.56, No.27), is amended to read:
- 14 Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first-
- 15 class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners.
- 16 The board shall have power-
- 17 * * *
- 18 XIII. Lighting Assessments. On the petition of the owners of
- 19 a majority of the lineal feet frontage along any street or
- 20 highway, or portion thereof, in any village within the township,
- 21 to enter into contracts with electric, gas, or other lighting
- 22 companies to light and illuminate the streets, highways, and
- 23 other public places in said village with electric light, gas-
- 24 light, or other illuminant.
- 25 The township commissioners shall annually assess, or cause to
- 26 be assessed, the cost and expense of the maintenance of said
- 27 lights by an equal assessment on all property benefited by such-
- 28 lighting in proportion to the number of feet the same fronts on-
- 29 the street, or highway, or portion thereof to be lighted. The
- 30 <u>board of</u> township commissioners may provide for an equitable

- 1 reduction from the frontage of lots, at intersections, or where,
- 2 from the peculiar or pointed shape of lots, an assessment of the
- 3 full frontage would be inequitable. No such assessment shall be
- 4 made against any farm land, but vacant lots between built-up-
- 5 sections, whether tilled or untilled, shall not be deemed to be-
- 6 farm lands: Provided, however, That the assessment per front
- 7 foot against vacant lots shall be only twenty-five per centum-
- 8 (25%) of the assessment per foot front against property with
- 9 improvements thereon. All such assessments for street lighting
- 10 shall be filed with the township [treasurer] tax collector, who
- 11 shall give thirty days' written or printed notice that the-
- 12 assessments are due and payable, stating the due date to each
- 13 party assessed, either by service on the owner of the property,
- 14 or by mailing such notice to the owner at his last known post-
- 15 office address. The township [treasurer] tax collector shall be
- 16 entitled to the same commission for the collection of such-
- 17 assessments as he is entitled to by law for the collection of
- 18 the township tax. If the assessments, or any of them remain
- 19 unpaid, on the first Monday of May of the succeeding year they
- 20 shall be placed in the hands of the township solicitor for
- 21 collection. The solicitor shall collect the same, together with
- 22 five per centum (5%) as attorney's commission, and interest from
- 23 the date such assessments were due, by a municipal claim filed
- 24 against the property of the delinquent owner in like manner as-
- 25 municipal claims are by law filed and collected. Where an owner
- 26 has two or more lots against which there is an assessment for
- 27 the same year, all such lots shall be embraced in one claim. All-
- 28 assessments, when collected, shall be paid over to the township
- 29 treasurer, who shall receive and shall keep all such assessments
- 30 collected for lighting the streets and highways in a separate

- 1 account and pay out the same only upon orders signed by the
- 2 president or vice president of the township commissioners,
- 3 attested by the secretary or assistant secretary. The treasurer
- 4 shall make a report to the auditor or controller of the township
- 5 annually.
- 6 Ornamental Standards for Street Lighting. On the petition of
- 7 the owners of seventy-five per cent of the lineal feet frontage-
- 8 along any street or highway or portion thereof in any village
- 9 within the township to provide for the furnishing and
- 10 installation of ornamental standards for street lighting with
- 11 fittings and underground wiring therefor along such street or
- 12 highway or the portion thereof affected, and to enter into-
- 13 contracts with electric, gas or other lighting companies to-
- 14 furnish and install such standards with the fittings and wiring-
- 15 therefor.
- 16 The board of township commissioners shall assess or cause to-
- 17 be assessed the cost and expense of the furnishing and
- 18 installation of said standards, fittings and underground wiring-
- 19 by an equal assessment on all property benefited by the
- 20 furnishing and installation of such standards, fittings and
- 21 underground wiring in proportion to the number of feet the same-
- 22 fronts on the street or highway or portion thereof to be
- 23 lighted. The township commissioners may provide for an equitable-
- 24 reduction from the frontage of lots at intersections, or where-
- 25 from the peculiar or pointed shape of lots an assessment of the
- 26 full frontage would be inequitable. No such assessment shall be-
- 27 made against any farm land, but vacant lots between built-up-
- 28 sections, whether tilled or untilled, shall not be deemed to be
- 29 farm lands. All such assessments for the cost of furnishing and
- 30 installation of such standards, fittings and underground wiring-

- 1 shall be filed with the township [treasurer] tax collector, who
- 2 shall give thirty days written or printed notice that the
- 3 assessments are due and payable, stating the due date to each
- 4 party assessed, either by service on the owner of the property-
- 5 or by mailing such notice to the owner at his last known post
- 6 office address. The township [treasurer] tax collector shall be-
- 7 entitled to the same commission for the collection of such
- 8 assessments as he is entitled to by law for the collection of
- 9 the township tax. If the assessments or any of them remain-
- 10 unpaid at the expiration of a period not exceeding ninety days,
- 11 the exact time to be fixed by the board of township
- 12 commissioners, they shall be placed in the hands of the township-
- 13 solicitor for collection. The solicitor shall collect the same
- 14 together with five per centum (5%) as attorney's commission and
- 15 interest from the date such assessments were due by a municipal-
- 16 claim filed against the property of the delinquent owner in like-
- 17 manner as municipal claims are by law filed and collected. Where-
- 18 an owner has two or more lots against which there is an
- 19 assessment all such lots may be embraced in one claim. All-
- 20 assessments when collected shall be paid over to the township
- 21 treasurer who shall receive and shall keep all such assessments-
- 22 collected in a separate account and pay out the same only upon-
- 23 orders signed by the president or vice president of the township-
- 24 commissioners, attested by the secretary or assistant secretary.
- 25 The treasurer shall make a report to the auditor or controller
- 26 of the township annually until all of such assessments are paid
- 27 in full.
- 28 * * *
- Section 13. Section 1709.1 of the act, amended July 22, 1970
- 30 (P.L.551, No.189), is amended to read:

- 1 Section 1709.1. Additions and Revisions to Duplicates.
- 2 [Whenever in any first class township] When there is any
- 3 construction of a building or buildings not otherwise exempt as
- 4 a dwelling after January first of any year and the building is-
- 5 not included in the tax duplicate of the township, the authority
- 6 responsible for assessments in the township shall, upon the
- 7 request of the <u>board of</u> township commissioners, direct the
- 8 assessor in the township to inspect and reassess, subject to the
- 9 right of appeal and adjustment [provided] by the [act of
- 10 Assembly] <u>law</u> under which assessments are made, all taxable
- 11 property in the township to which major improvements have been
- 12 made after January first of any year and to give notice of
- 13 [such] the reassessments within ten days to the authority
- 14 responsible for assessments, the township and the property
- 15 owner. The property shall [then] be added to the duplicate and
- 16 [shall be] <u>is</u> taxable for township purposes at the reassessed
- 17 valuation for that proportionate part of the fiscal year of the
- 18 township remaining after the property was improved. Any
- 19 improvement made during the month shall be computed as having
- 20 been made on the first day of the month. A certified copy of the
- 21 additions or revisions to the duplicate shall be furnished by
- 22 the <u>board of</u> township commissioners to the township [treasurer]
- 23 <u>tax collector</u>, together with [their] <u>the board's</u> warrant for
- 24 collection of the same, and within ten days [thereafter] the-
- 25 township [treasurer] tax collector shall notify the owner of the
- 26 property of the taxes due the township.
- 27 [Whenever] When an assessment is made for a portion of a year-
- 28 [as above provided], the [same] assessment shall be added to the
- 29 duplicate of the following or succeeding year unless the value-
- 30 of the improvements has already been included in [said] <u>that</u>

- 1 duplicate.
- 2 Section 14. Section 1712 of the act, amended December 14,
- 3 1967 (P.L.819, No.351), is amended to read:
- 4 Section 1712. Delivery of Duplicates. The board of township
- 5 commissioners shall within thirty days after adoption of the
- 6 budget or within thirty days after receipt of the assessment
- 7 roll from the county, whichever is later, deliver a duplicate of
- 8 the assessment of township taxes to the township [treasurer] tax_
- 9 <u>collector</u>, together with [their] <u>the board's</u> warrant for [the]
- 10 collection of the [same] taxes.
- 11 Section 15. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to-
- 12 the contrary, the following shall apply:
- 13 (1) The term of the person who holds the office of
- 14 elected treasurer in a first class township shall end on the
- 15 first Monday in January immediately following the municipal
- 16 election of 2013.
- 17 (2) After the effective date of this section, if the
- 18 elected township treasurer is unable to perform the duties of
- 19 his office and fails or refuses to appoint a deputy, the
- 20 court of common pleas, on petition of the township
- 21 commissioners, shall appoint a deputy treasurer to serve
- 22 until the treasurer is again able to perform the duties of
- 23 his office, or until such deputy is removed by the court, but-
- in no instance shall such deputy serve beyond the term of the
- 25 treasurer in whose office he is serving as deputy treasurer.
- 26 The court shall also fix the compensation of such deputy
- 27 treasurer at a rate not to exceed that paid to the elected
- 28 township treasurer. For the time such deputy shall serve such
- 29 compensation shall be deducted from the compensation
- 30 otherwise payable to the township treasurer. Such deputy-

1	shall furnish bond in the same manner as the bond of the
2	treasurer.
3	Section 16. Municipal officers affected by this act shall
4	transfer all necessary records to effectuate this act.
5	Section 17. This act shall take effect as follows:
6	(1) The following shall take effect January 4, 2014:
7	(i) The repeal of section 511 of the act.
8	(ii) The amendment of section 530 of the act.
9	(iii) The amendment of section 602 of the act.
10	(iv) The amendment of section 603 of the act.
11	(v) The repeal of Article VIII heading of the act.
12	(vi) The repeal of section 801 of the act.
13	(vii) The repeal of sections 803, 804, 805, 806, 807
14	and 808 of the act.
15	(viii) The amendment of section 1502 XIII of the
16	act.
17	(ix) The amendment of section 1709.1 of the act.
18	(x) The addition of Article VIII-A of the act.
19	(xi) The addition of Article VIII-B of the act.
20	(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect
21	<pre>immediately.</pre>
22	SECTION 1. SECTION 227 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 24, 1931
23	(P.L.1206, NO.331), KNOWN AS THE FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE,
24	REENACTED AND AMENDED MAY 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, NO.569), IS
25	AMENDED TO READ:
26	SECTION 227. ELECTION OF [TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR IN NEW
27	TOWNSHIPS AT [SUCH] THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION, THE QUALIFIED
28	ELECTORS OF [SUCH] A NEW TOWNSHIP SHALL ELECT A [TOWNSHIP
29	TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR FOR A TWO OR FOUR YEAR TERM SO THAT
30	[HIS] THE TERM SHALL EXPIRE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE TERMS OF

- 1 [TREASURERS] TAX COLLECTORS OF OTHER TOWNSHIPS OF THE FIRST
- 2 CLASS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. THEREAFTER THE TERM OF
- 3 [TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR OF SAID TOWNSHIP SHALL BE FOUR YEARS
- 4 FROM THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY NEXT FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION.
- 5 SECTION 1.1. SECTION 503 OF THE ACT, AMENDED FEBRUARY 2,
- 6 2012 (P.L.62, NO.7), IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 7 SECTION 503. ELECTED OFFICERS ENUMERATED.--THE ELECTORS OF
- 8 EACH TOWNSHIP SHALL ELECT (A) AT LEAST FIVE TOWNSHIP
- 9 COMMISSIONERS, (B) ONE TOWNSHIP [TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR, AND
- 10 (C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE HEREINAFTER PROVIDED, THREE ELECTED
- 11 AUDITORS OR ONE APPOINTED AUDITOR, OR ONE CONTROLLER WHERE SUCH
- 12 OFFICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. [ALL ELECTED] <u>ELECTED</u> TOWNSHIP
- 13 OFFICERS SHALL BE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP.
- 14 SECTION 2. SUBDIVISION (C) HEADING OF ARTICLE V OF THE ACT
- 15 IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 16 (C) [TREASURER] <u>TAX COLLECTOR</u>
- 17 SECTION 3. SECTION 510 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 18 SECTION 510. [ELECTION OF TREASURER.--AT THE MUNICIPAL
- 19 ELECTION IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE,
- 20 AND EVERY FOURTH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE ELECTORS OF EACH TOWNSHIP
- 21 SHALL ELECT A TOWNSHIP TREASURER FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, FROM
- 22 THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY NEXT FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION.
- 23 WHEN THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER IS UNABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES
- 24 OF HIS OFFICE AND FAILS OR REFUSES TO APPOINT A DEPUTY, THE
- 25 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ON PETITION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS
- 26 SHALL APPOINT A DEPUTY TREASURER TO SERVE UNTIL THE TREASURER IS
- 27 AGAIN ABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, OR UNTIL SUCH
- 28 DEPUTY IS REMOVED BY THE COURT, BUT IN NO INSTANCE SHALL SUCH
- 29 DEPUTY SERVE BEYOND THE TERM OF THE TREASURER IN WHOSE OFFICE HE
- 30 IS SERVING AS DEPUTY TREASURER. THE COURT SHALL ALSO FIX THE

- 1 COMPENSATION OF SUCH DEPUTY TREASURER AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED
- 2 THAT PAID TO THE ELECTED TOWNSHIP TREASURER. FOR THE TIME SUCH
- 3 DEPUTY SHALL SERVE SUCH COMPENSATION SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE
- 4 COMPENSATION OTHERWISE PAYABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER. SUCH
- 5 DEPUTY SHALL FURNISH BOND IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE BOND OF THE
- 6 TREASURER.] <u>ELECTION OF TAX COLLECTOR.--(A) AT THE MUNICIPAL</u>
- 7 ELECTION IN 2013 AND EVERY FOURTH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE ELECTORS
- 8 OF EACH TOWNSHIP SHALL ELECT ONE TAX COLLECTOR TO SERVE FOR A
- 9 TERM OF FOUR YEARS FROM THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY AFTER THE
- 10 ELECTION, EXCEPT WHEN VACANCIES CREATE SHORTER TERMS. TAX
- 11 COLLECTORS SHALL RESIDE IN THE TOWNSHIP FROM WHICH THEY ARE
- 12 <u>ELECTED AND SHALL HAVE RESIDED IN THAT TOWNSHIP CONTINUOUSLY FOR</u>
- 13 <u>AT LEAST ONE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THEIR ELECTION.</u>
- 14 (B) IF THE ELECTORS OF A TOWNSHIP FAIL TO CHOOSE A TAX
- 15 COLLECTOR OR IF A PERSON ELECTED TO THE OFFICE FAILS TO GIVE THE
- 16 REQUIRED BOND OR TAKE THE REQUIRED OATH, THE VACANCY SHALL BE
- 17 FILLED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 530.
- 18 (C) COMPENSATION FOR TAX COLLECTORS SHALL BE FIXED BY
- 19 ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 603.
- 20 SECTION 4. SECTION 511 OF THE ACT IS REPEALED:
- 21 [SECTION 511. ELIGIBILITY.--THE SAME PERSON MAY HOLD THE
- 22 OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER AND TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL
- 23 DISTRICT, BUT NO TOWNSHIP TREASURER SHALL HOLD ANY OTHER
- 24 TOWNSHIP OFFICE EXCEPT THAT OF TAX COLLECTOR.]
- 25 SECTION 5. SECTION 530 OF THE ACT, AMENDED FEBRUARY 2, 2012
- 26 (P.L.62, NO.7), IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 27 SECTION 530. VACANCIES IN GENERAL.--(A) WHEN A VACANCY
- 28 OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER, AUDITOR,
- 29 CONTROLLER, [TREASURER,] TAX COLLECTOR, OR ASSISTANT AUDITOR, BY
- 30 REASON OF DEATH, RESIGNATION, REMOVAL FROM THE TOWNSHIP OR WARD,

- 1 OR OTHERWISE, THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS OF SUCH
- 2 TOWNSHIP SHALL FILL SUCH VACANCY BY APPOINTING BY RESOLUTION A
- 3 REGISTERED VOTER OF THE WARD OR TOWNSHIP, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IN
- 4 WHICH THE VACANCY OCCURS.
- 5 (B) IF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS OF ANY TOWNSHIP
- 6 SHALL REFUSE, FAIL, OR NEGLECT, OR BE UNABLE FOR ANY REASON
- 7 WHATSOEVER, TO FILL SUCH VACANCY WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER
- 8 THE VACANCY OCCURS, THEN THE VACANCY BOARD SHALL FILL THE
- 9 VACANCY WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) ADDITIONAL DAYS BY APPOINTING A
- 10 REGISTERED ELECTOR OF THE WARD OR TOWNSHIP, AS THE CASE MAY BE,
- 11 IN WHICH THE VACANCY OCCURS. THE VACANCY BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF
- 12 THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ONE REGISTERED ELECTOR OF THE
- 13 TOWNSHIP, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP
- 14 COMMISSIONERS AT THE BOARD'S FIRST MEETING EACH CALENDAR YEAR OR
- 15 AS SOON THEREAFTER AS PRACTICAL, AND WHO SHALL ACT AS CHAIRMAN
- 16 OF THE VACANCY BOARD. IF THE VACANCY BOARD DOES NOT FILL THE
- 17 VACANCY WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME, THE CHAIRMAN SHALL, OR IN
- 18 THE CASE OF A VACANCY IN THE CHAIRMANSHIP THE REMAINING MEMBERS
- 19 OF THE VACANCY BOARD SHALL, PETITION THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
- 20 TO FILL THE VACANCY BY APPOINTING A REGISTERED ELECTOR OF THE
- 21 WARD OR TOWNSHIP, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IN WHICH THE VACANCY
- 22 OCCURS. IN THE CASE WHERE THERE ARE VACANCIES IN A MAJORITY OF
- 23 THE OFFICES OF COMMISSIONERS, THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SHALL
- 24 FILL SUCH VACANCIES UPON PRESENTATION OF PETITION SIGNED BY NOT
- 25 LESS THAN FIFTEEN (15) REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP. IN
- 26 ALL CASES, THE PERSON SO APPOINTED SHALL HOLD THE OFFICE IF THE
- 27 TERM THEREOF CONTINUES SO LONG, UNTIL THE FIRST MONDAY IN
- 28 JANUARY AFTER THE FIRST MUNICIPAL ELECTION OCCURRING MORE THAN
- 29 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS, AT WHICH ELECTION AN
- 30 ELIGIBLE PERSON SHALL BE ELECTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM

- 1 AND SHALL HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE TOWNSHIP CONTINUOUSLY FOR
- 2 AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT. IN TOWNSHIPS
- 3 DIVIDED INTO WARDS, ALL APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS SHALL RESIDE IN
- 4 THE WARD IN WHICH THE VACANCY OCCURRED AND SHALL HAVE RESIDED IN
- 5 SAID WARD CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR BEFORE
- 6 APPOINTMENT.
- 7 (C) NO PERSON WHO WAS CONVICTED OF OR PLED GUILTY OR NO
- 8 CONTEST TO A FELONY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO FILL A
- 9 VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3)
- 10 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE CONVICTION OR PLEA.
- 11 SECTION 6. SECTION 602 OF THE ACT, AMENDED SEPTEMBER 7, 1955
- 12 (P.L.563, NO.140), IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 13 SECTION 602. BONDS.--WHEN ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYE OF ANY
- 14 TOWNSHIP IS REQUIRED TO GIVE BOND FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE
- 15 OF HIS DUTIES, [SUCH] THE BOND SHALL BE WITH A SURETY COMPANY OR
- 16 OTHER COMPANY AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ACT AS SURETY AND THE
- 17 TOWNSHIP SHALL PAY THE PREMIUM ON [SUCH] THE BOND, EXCEPT THAT
- 18 THE PREMIUM ON BOND OF TOWNSHIP [TREASURER AS] TAX COLLECTOR
- 19 SHALL BE PAID BY THE RESPECTIVE TAXING DISTRICTS, AS PROVIDED BY
- 20 THE [LOCAL TAX COLLECTION LAW, APPROVED MAY TWENTY-FIVE, ONE
- 21 THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE (PAMPHLET LAWS 1050), AND ITS
- 22 AMENDMENTS.] <u>ACT OF MAY 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, NO.394), KNOWN AS</u>
- 23 THE "LOCAL TAX COLLECTION LAW."
- SECTION 7. SECTION 603 OF THE ACT, AMENDED FEBRUARY 25, 1976
- 25 (P.L.52, NO.21), IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 26 SECTION 603. COMPENSATION.--(A) ELECTED OFFICERS OF
- 27 TOWNSHIPS OTHER THAN TAX COLLECTOR SHALL RECEIVE SUCH SALARY,
- 28 COMPENSATION OR EMOLUMENTS OF OFFICE AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE
- 29 FIXED BY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS
- 30 OF SECTION 703.

- 1 (B) TAX COLLECTORS SHALL RECEIVE SUCH SALARY, COMPENSATION
- 2 OR EMOLUMENTS OF OFFICE AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE FIXED BY
- 3 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT OF MAY 25,
- 4 1945 (P.L.1050, NO.394), KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL TAX COLLECTION
- 5 LAW."
- 6 (C) ANY CHANGE IN SALARY, COMPENSATION OR EMOLUMENTS OF
- 7 OFFICE OF AN ELECTED OFFICER SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE
- 8 BEGINNING OF THE NEXT TERM OF THE ELECTED OFFICER.
- 9 (D) APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES OF THE TOWNSHIP SHALL
- 10 RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES AS THE TOWNSHIP
- 11 COMMISSIONERS SHALL PRESCRIBE.
- 12 SECTION 8. ARTICLE VIII HEADING OF THE ACT IS REPEALED:
- 13 [ARTICLE VIII
- 14 TOWNSHIP TREASURER]
- 15 SECTION 8.1. SECTION 801 OF THE ACT, AMENDED JULY 2, 1953
- 16 (P.L.326, NO.71), IS REPEALED:
- 17 [SECTION 801. FIDELITY BOND.--THE TREASURER OF EACH TOWNSHIP
- 18 SHALL GIVE A FIDELITY AND NOT A SURETY BOND TO THE COMMONWEALTH
- 19 IN A SUM TO BE PRESCRIBED BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION AND AT
- 20 LEAST EQUAL TO FIFTY PER CENTUM OF THE PROBABLE AMOUNT OF THE
- 21 ANNUAL TOWNSHIP TAX. SUCH BOND SHALL BE SUBSCRIBED BY A SURETY
- 22 COMPANY OR COMPANIES DULY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS
- 23 COMMONWEALTH. THE BOND GIVEN BY THE TREASURER SHALL BE
- 24 CONDITIONED ON A JUST ACCOUNTING FOR AND PAYING OVER ALL MONEYS
- 25 BELONGING TO THE TOWNSHIP FUNDS THAT MAY COME INTO HIS HANDS, AS
- 26 TREASURER, FROM TAXATION OR OTHERWISE, FOR THE PAYMENT OVER
- 27 THEREOF ONLY IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE DELIVERY
- 28 TO HIS SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE OF ALL PAPERS, BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, AND
- 29 OTHER THINGS HELD IN RIGHT OF HIS OFFICE, FOR THE PAYMENT TO
- 30 SUCH SUCCESSOR OF ANY BALANCE IN MONEY REMAINING IN HIS HANDS OR

- 1 CHARGED AGAINST HIM IN THE SETTLEMENT OF HIS ACCOUNTS, AND THAT,
- 2 AS TAX COLLECTOR OF TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, POOR, INSTITUTION
- 3 DISTRICT, AND SCHOOL TAXES, HE SHALL ACCOUNT FOR AND PAY OVER
- 4 ALL MONEYS RECEIVED BY HIM AS TAXES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST. THE
- 5 TOWNSHIP TREASURER AND HIS SURETIES SHALL BE DISCHARGED FROM
- 6 FURTHER LIABILITY ON ANY BOND AS TAX COLLECTOR AS SOON AS ALL
- 7 TAX ITEMS, CONTAINED IN THE DUPLICATES DELIVERED TO HIM, ARE
- 8 EITHER--(1) COLLECTED AND PAID OVER TO THE PROPER TAXING
- 9 DISTRICT; OR (2) SET FORTH IN SCHEDULES FILED WITH OR CERTIFIED
- 10 TO THE PROPER TAX AUTHORITIES; OR (3) RETURNED TO THE COUNTY
- 11 COMMISSIONERS FOR SALE OF THE REAL ESTATE BY THE COUNTY
- 12 TREASURER, OR RETURNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REAL ESTATE TAX
- 13 SALE LAW APPROVED JULY 7, 1947, PAMPHLET LAWS 1368; OR (4) IN
- 14 THE CASE OF OCCUPATION, POLL, AND PER CAPITA TAXES, ACCOUNTED
- 15 FOR BY PAYMENT OVER OR BY EXONERATION WHICH SHALL BE GRANTED BY
- 16 THE TAXING DISTRICT UPON OATH OR AFFIRMATION THAT AS TAX
- 17 COLLECTOR HE HAS COMPLIED WITH SECTION 20 OF THE LOCAL TAX
- 18 COLLECTION LAW APPROVED MAY 25TH, 1945 (PAMPHLET LAWS 1050). THE
- 19 TOWNSHIP TREASURER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO GIVE BUT ONE BOND, WHICH
- 20 SHALL INCLUDE HIS DUTIES AS TOWNSHIP TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF
- 21 TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, SCHOOL, INSTITUTION DISTRICT, AND POOR TAXES,
- 22 AND SHALL COVER THE FULL TERM OF HIS OFFICE. SHOULD THE
- 23 TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, INSTITUTION DISTRICT OR POOR
- 24 DISTRICT BE OF THE OPINION AT ANY TIME, THAT THE BOND GIVEN IS
- 25 NOT SUFFICIENT, ADDITIONAL SECURITY MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN
- 26 AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TAXING DISTRICT REQUIRING THE SAME. THE
- 27 TREASURER SHALL NOT, IN ANY EVENT, BE REQUIRED TO GIVE BOND OR
- 28 BONDS AGGREGATING AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE TAXES TO BE
- 29 COLLECTED BY HIM. THE BOND OR BONDS GIVEN BY THE TOWNSHIP
- 30 TREASURER SHALL BE FOR THE USE OF THE TOWNSHIP, THE COUNTY, THE

- 1 INSTITUTION DISTRICT, AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. SAID BOND SHALL
- 2 BE FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS.]
- 3 SECTION 9. SECTIONS 803, 804, 805, 806, 807 AND 808 OF THE
- 4 ACT ARE REPEALED:
- 5 [SECTION 803. ACCOUNTS TO BE KEPT BY TREASURER.--EVERY
- 6 TOWNSHIP TREASURER SHALL TAKE CHARGE OF ALL TOWNSHIP MONEYS FROM
- 7 ALL SOURCES, AND PROMPTLY DEPOSIT THE SAME IN A BANK, BANKING
- 8 INSTITUTION OR TRUST COMPANY IN THE NAME OF THE TOWNSHIP, AND
- 9 KEEP DISTINCT ACCOUNTS OF ALL SUMS RECEIVED FROM TAXES AND OTHER
- 10 SOURCES, WHICH ACCOUNTS SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE OPEN TO THE
- 11 INSPECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND TOWNSHIP AUDITOR OR
- 12 CONTROLLER. HE SHALL ANNUALLY STATE HIS ACCOUNTS, AND LAY THE
- 13 SAME, TOGETHER WITH THE BOOKS AND THE VOUCHERS, BEFORE THE
- 14 TOWNSHIP AUDITORS OR CONTROLLER FOR AUDIT.
- 15 SECTION 804. PAYMENT OF MONEYS ON ORDERS.--THE TOWNSHIP
- 16 TREASURER SHALL PAY OUT THE MONEYS COMING INTO HIS HANDS ONLY ON
- 17 ORDERS, NUMBERED IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ISSUE, SIGNED BY THE
- 18 PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT AND ATTESTED BY THE SECRETARY OR
- 19 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, AND DESIGNATING THE
- 20 APPROPRIATION OUT OF WHICH THE ORDERS SHALL BE PAID. THE
- 21 SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT OR VICE-PRESIDENT MAY BE A FACSIMILE
- 22 SIGNATURE. ANY TOWNSHIP TREASURER WHO SHALL PAY OUT MONEYS IN
- 23 HIS HANDS EXCEPT UPON SUCH ORDERS, OR SHALL PAY OUT MONEYS IN
- 24 EXCESS OF THE APPROPRIATION, SHALL BE ALLOWED NO CREDIT IN THE
- 25 SETTLEMENT OF HIS ACCOUNTS FOR THE SUM OR SUMS SO PAID OUT, NOR
- 26 SHALL HE HAVE ANY CLAIM OR RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP
- 27 THEREFOR.
- 28 SECTION 805. POWERS AS TAX COLLECTOR. -- THE TOWNSHIP
- 29 TREASURER, BY VIRTUE OF HIS OFFICE AS TREASURER, SHALL BE TAX
- 30 COLLECTOR. HE SHALL COLLECT ALL COUNTY, INSTITUTION DISTRICT,

- 1 TOWNSHIP, SCHOOL, AND OTHER TAXES, WITHIN SUCH TOWNSHIP, LEVIED
- 2 BY AUTHORITIES EMPOWERED TO LEVY TAXES. HE SHALL, IN ADDITION TO
- 3 THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES ENUMERATED IN THIS ACT,
- 4 HAVE ALL THE POWERS, PERFORM ALL THE DUTIES, AND BE SUBJECT TO
- 5 ALL THE OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS ARE NOW BY LAW
- 6 VESTED IN, CONFERRED UPON, OR IMPOSED UPON, COLLECTORS OF THE
- 7 SEVERAL CLASSES OF TAXES HEREINBEFORE MENTIONED.
- 8 IT IS THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THIS SECTION THAT NO LOCAL
- 9 TAXES SHALL BE COLLECTED IN ANY TOWNSHIP, EXCEPT BY THE
- 10 TREASURER OF THE TOWNSHIP.
- 11 SECTION 806. OATH.--THE TREASURER OF EVERY TOWNSHIP SHALL,
- 12 BEFORE HE ENTERS UPON THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE AS COLLECTOR OF
- 13 TAXES FOR THE COUNTY, TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE AN OATH OF OFFICE AND
- 14 FILE THE SAME IN THE OFFICE OF THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.
- 15 SECTION 807. SPECIAL FUNDS; PENALTY.--WHENEVER ANY MONEYS
- 16 ARE COLLECTED IN ANY TOWNSHIP FOR ANY SPECIAL PURPOSE AND ARE
- 17 PAID INTO THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER OF SUCH TOWNSHIP, IT SHALL
- 18 BE UNLAWFUL FOR SUCH TREASURER TO APPLY SUCH MONEYS, OR ANY PART
- 19 THEREOF, TO ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT FOR WHICH SUCH MONEYS
- 20 WERE COLLECTED. EVERY SUCH MISAPPLICATION SHALL BE A
- 21 MISDEMEANOR. UPON CONVICTION OF SUCH OFFENSE, THE TREASURER
- 22 SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SO
- 23 MISAPPLIED, OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE MONTHS
- 24 AND NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR.
- 25 SECTION 808. DEPOSITORIES OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS; SELECTION;
- 26 BONDS.--THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL, FROM TIME TO TIME,
- 27 DESIGNATE, BY RESOLUTION, A DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES FOR
- 28 TOWNSHIP FUNDS. SUCH DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES SHALL BE BANKS,
- 29 BANKING INSTITUTIONS OR TRUST COMPANIES LOCATED IN THE
- 30 COMMONWEALTH.

- 1 DEPOSITORIES SO DESIGNATED SHALL, UPON RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF
- 2 THEIR SELECTION AS A DEPOSITORY OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS, EITHER
- 3 FURNISH A BOND TO SECURE PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS
- 4 AND ANY INTEREST TO THE TOWNSHIP, WITH A PROPER WARRANT TO
- 5 CONFESS JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF THE TOWNSHIP, SECURED BY A SURETY
- 6 COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL SURETIES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
- 7 COMMISSIONERS, OR DEPOSIT OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, OR
- 8 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
- 9 THEREOF, TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP DEPOSITS AND ANY
- 10 INTEREST THEREON. SUCH SURETY BONDS SHALL BE IN A SUM, TO BE
- 11 FIXED BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION, AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE PROBABLE
- 12 GREATEST AMOUNT OF SUCH DEPOSIT AT ANY ONE TIME. THE MARKET
- 13 VALUE OF DEPOSIT BONDS SHALL BE, AT ALL TIMES, AT LEAST EQUAL TO
- 14 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY PER CENTUM OF THE AMOUNT OF TOWNSHIP
- 15 FUNDS TO BE SECURED. SUCH DEPOSIT BONDS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY
- 16 PROPER ASSIGNMENTS OR POWERS OF ATTORNEY TO TRANSFER THE SAME.
- 17 IN THE EVENT OF THE FAILURE OF THE DEPOSITORY TO PAY TO THE
- 18 TOWNSHIP THE FULL AMOUNT OF SUCH DEPOSITS AND INTEREST THEREON,
- 19 SUCH BONDS AND THE PROCEEDS OF SALE THEREOF SHALL BELONG TO THE
- 20 TOWNSHIP UNTIL IT SHALL RECEIVE THEREFROM THE FULL AMOUNT OF
- 21 SUCH DEPOSITS AND INTEREST THEREON, AND THE TOWNSHIP SHALL HAVE
- 22 A PRIOR STANDING AS RESPECTS SUCH BONDS AND BE IN ALL RESPECTS
- 23 PREFERRED TO ANY AND ALL CLAIMS EXCEPT SUCH AS HAVE HERETOFORE
- 24 BEEN PREFERRED BY LAW.
- 25 NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A
- 26 DEPOSITORY TO FURNISH BOND OR COLLATERAL SECURITY TO COVER THE
- 27 AMOUNT OF ANY DEPOSIT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SAME IS INSURED
- 28 WITH THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.
- THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER SHALL, UPON THE DESIGNATION AND
- 30 QUALIFICATION OF SUCH DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES, IMMEDIATELY

- 1 TRANSFER THERETO THE TOWNSHIP FUNDS, AND SHALL THEREAFTER KEEP
- 2 SUCH DEPOSITS SOLELY IN SUCH DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES IN THE
- 3 NAME OF THE TOWNSHIP.
- 4 NO TOWNSHIP TREASURER COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
- 5 SECTION, NOR HIS SURETY OR SURETIES, SHALL BE CHARGEABLE WITH
- 6 LOSSES IN TOWNSHIP FUNDS CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OR NEGLIGENCE OF
- 7 SUCH DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES.]
- 8 SECTION 10. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING ARTICLES TO READ:
- 9 <u>ARTICLE VIII-A</u>
- 10 APPOINTED TOWNSHIP TREASURER
- 11 SECTION 801-A. TOWNSHIP TREASURER.
- 12 (A) APPOINTMENT.--THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS SHALL
- 13 APPOINT A TOWNSHIP TREASURER, WHO MAY BE THE ELECTED TAX
- 14 COLLECTOR OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TOWNSHIP, TO SERVE AT THE
- 15 PLEASURE OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS.
- 16 (B) COMPENSATION. -- THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS SHALL
- 17 DETERMINE THE COMPENSATION OF THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER.
- 18 (C) DEPUTY.--WHEN THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER IS UNABLE TO
- 19 PERFORM THE DUTIES OF OFFICE OR FAILS TO APPOINT A DEPUTY
- 20 TREASURER, THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MAY APPOINT A
- 21 DEPUTY TREASURER TO SERVE UNTIL THE TREASURER IS AGAIN ABLE TO
- 22 PERFORM THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE. THE DEPUTY TREASURER SHALL BE
- 23 BONDED FOR THE SAME AMOUNT AS THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER WHEN ACTING
- 24 IN THE CAPACITY OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER. THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP
- 25 COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE THE COMPENSATION OF THE DEPUTY
- 26 TREASURER.
- 27 <u>SECTION 802-A. TREASURER'S BOND.</u>
- 28 THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER SHALL GIVE A FIDELITY BOND TO THE
- 29 COMMONWEALTH IN AN AMOUNT PRESCRIBED BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION
- 30 AND AT LEAST EQUAL TO 50% OF THE AMOUNT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS

- 1 ESTIMATED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS TO BE AVAILABLE
- 2 TO THE TOWNSHIP TREASURERS AT ANY TIME DURING THE CURRENT YEAR.
- 3 THE BOND SHALL BE SUBSCRIBED BY A SURETY COMPANY OR COMPANIES
- 4 DULY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH. THE BOND
- 5 GIVEN BY THE TREASURER SHALL BE CONDITIONED ON THE FAITHFUL
- 6 PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES AS STATED IN SECTION 803-A. THE
- 7 TREASURER SHALL NOT, IN ANY EVENT, BE REQUIRED TO GIVE BOND OR
- 8 BONDS AGGREGATING AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE TAXES TO BE PAID
- 9 OVER TO HIM BY THE TAX COLLECTOR.
- 10 SECTION 803-A. TREASURER'S DUTIES.
- 11 THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER SHALL:
- 12 <u>(1) RECEIVE ALL MONEYS DUE THE TOWNSHIP AND PROMPTLY</u>
- 13 <u>DEPOSIT THEM IN A DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY IN THE NAME OF THE</u>
- 14 <u>TOWNSHIP.</u>
- 15 (2) KEEP DISTINCT AND ACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF ALL SUMS
- 16 <u>RECEIVED FROM TAXES AND OTHER SOURCES, WHICH ACCOUNTS SHALL</u>
- BE OPEN TO THE INSPECTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
- 18 TOWNSHIP AUDITOR OR CONTROLLER.
- 19 (3) ANNUALLY STATE THE ACCOUNTS WITH THE BOOKS AND
- 20 VOUCHERS FOR AUDIT BY THE TOWNSHIP AUDITORS OR CONTROLLER.
- 21 (4) PAY OUT ALL MONEYS OF THE TOWNSHIP ONLY ON ORDERS
- 22 SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT AND ATTESTED BY THE
- 23 SECRETARY OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, AND
- 24 DESIGNATING THE APPROPRIATION OUT OF WHICH THE ORDERS SHALL
- 25 BE PAID. THE SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT OR VICE-PRESIDENT MAY
- 26 BE BY FACSIMILE SIGNATURE. WHEN A TREASURER PAYS OUT MONEYS
- 27 <u>EXCEPT UPON ORDERS OR PAYS MONEYS IN EXCESS OF THE</u>
- APPROPRIATION, HE SHALL RECEIVE NO CREDIT IN THE SETTLEMENT
- 29 OF HIS ACCOUNTS FOR THOSE AMOUNTS, NOR SHALL HE HAVE ANY
- 30 CLAIM OR RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP.

- 1 (5) PRESERVE THE ACCOUNT BOOKS, PAPERS, DOCUMENTS AND
- 2 OTHER THINGS HELD IN RIGHT OF HIS OFFICE AND TURN THEM OVER
- 3 TO THE SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE.
- 4 (6) PAY OVER TO THE SUCCESSOR ANY BALANCE IN MONEY
- 5 REMAINING IN HIS HANDS OR CHARGED AGAINST HIM IN THE
- 6 SETTLEMENT OF HIS ACCOUNTS.
- 7 SECTION 804-A. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PERFORM DUTIES.
- 8 A TOWNSHIP TREASURER OR DEPUTY TREASURER WHO FAILS TO PERFORM
- 9 ANY DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH SPECIFIC
- 10 PENALTIES ARE PROVIDED COMMITS A SUMMARY OFFENSE AND, IN
- 11 ADDITION TO THE FINE OR PENALTY WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED UPON
- 12 CONVICTION, IS REQUIRED TO PAY TO THE TOWNSHIP AN AMOUNT EQUAL
- 13 TO THE AMOUNT OF THE FINANCIAL LOSS THAT OCCURRED, IF ANY, FOR
- 14 NOT PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE. THAT PERSON IS
- 15 DISQUALIFIED FROM HOLDING THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER OR
- 16 DEPUTY TREASURER.
- 17 SECTION 805-A. USE OF SPECIAL FUNDS; PENALTY.
- 18 WHEN ANY MONEYS ARE COLLECTED FOR ANY SPECIAL PURPOSE, NO
- 19 TOWNSHIP TREASURER OR TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER MAY APPLY THOSE
- 20 MONEYS TO ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT FOR WHICH THEY WERE
- 21 COLLECTED. EVERY MISAPPLICATION SHALL BE A MISDEMEANOR OF THE
- 22 THIRD DEGREE, AND, IN ADDITION TO THE FINE OR PENALTY WHICH MAY
- 23 BE IMPOSED UPON CONVICTION, THE DEFENDANT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO
- 24 PAY RESTITUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEYS IMPROPERLY SPENT.
- 25 <u>SECTION 806-A.</u> <u>DEPOSITORIES OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS.</u>
- THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:
- 27 (1) THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS SHALL DESIGNATE
- 28 BY RESOLUTION A DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP
- 29 FUNDS. ANY FUNDS DEPOSITED WITH ANY BANKING INSTITUTION OF
- 30 THIS COMMONWEALTH SHALL BE INSURED WITH THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT

1	INSURANCE CORPORATION OR THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION SHARE
2	INSURANCE FUND OR THEIR SUCCESSOR AGENCIES, TO THE EXTENT
3	THAT ACCOUNTS ARE SO INSURED. THE DESIGNATION IS VALID FOR A
4	PERIOD OF ONE YEAR OR UNTIL ANOTHER DEPOSITORY OR OTHER
5	DEPOSITORIES ARE DESIGNATED BY SIMILAR ACTION OF THE BOARD OF
6	TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS.
7	(2) THE DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES SHALL BE BANKS,
8	BANKING INSTITUTIONS OR TRUST COMPANIES LOCATED IN THIS
9	COMMONWEALTH.
10	(3) THE DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED
11	TO FURNISH BOND OR COLLATERAL SECURITY TO COVER THE AMOUNT OF
12	ANY DEPOSIT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SAME IS INSURED WITH THE
13	FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.
14	(4) THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER OR DEPUTY TREASURER SHALL,
15	UPON THE DESIGNATION OF THE DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES BY THE
16	BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS, IMMEDIATELY TRANSFER THERETO
17	THE TOWNSHIP FUNDS AND AFTER THAT MAKE DEPOSITS SOLELY IN THE
18	DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES IN THE NAME OF THE TOWNSHIP.
19	(5) NO TOWNSHIP TREASURER OR DEPUTY TREASURER COMPLYING
20	WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, NOR HIS SURETY OR
21	SURETIES, SHALL BE CHARGEABLE WITH LOSSES OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS
22	CAUSED SOLELY BY THE FAILURE OR NEGLIGENCE OF THE DEPOSITORY
23	OR DEPOSITORIES.
24	(6) THE DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES SHALL FURNISH A BOND
25	TO SECURE PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS AND ANY
26	INTEREST TO THE TOWNSHIP, WITH A PROPER WARRANT TO CONFESS

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COMMISSIONERS, OR DEPOSIT OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES,

OR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OR ANY POLITICAL

- 1 SUBDIVISION THEREOF, TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP
- 2 DEPOSITS AND ANY INTEREST THEREON. SUCH SURETY BONDS SHALL BE
- 3 <u>IN A SUM, TO BE FIXED BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION, AT LEAST</u>
- 4 EQUAL TO THE PROBABLE GREATEST AMOUNT OF SUCH DEPOSIT AT ANY
- 5 ONE TIME. THE MARKET VALUE OF DEPOSIT BONDS SHALL BE, AT ALL
- TIMES, AT LEAST EQUAL TO 120% OF THE AMOUNT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS
- 7 TO BE SECURED. SUCH DEPOSIT BONDS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY
- 8 PROPER ASSIGNMENTS OR POWERS OF ATTORNEY TO TRANSFER THE
- 9 SAME. IN THE EVENT OF THE FAILURE OF THE DEPOSITORY TO PAY TO
- 10 THE TOWNSHIP THE FULL AMOUNT OF SUCH DEPOSIT AND INTEREST
- 11 THEREON, BONDS AND THE PROCEEDS OF SALE THEREOF SHALL BELONG
- 12 TO THE TOWNSHIP UNTIL IT SHALL RECEIVE THEREFROM THE FULL
- 13 <u>AMOUNT OF SUCH DEPOSITS AND INTEREST THEREON, AND THE</u>
- 14 TOWNSHIP SHALL HAVE A PRIOR STANDING AS RESPECTS SUCH BONDS
- AND BE IN ALL RESPECTS PREFERRED TO ANY AND ALL CLAIMS EXCEPT
- 16 SUCH AS HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN PREFERRED BY LAW.
- 17 ARTICLE VIII-B
- 18 TAX COLLECTOR
- 19 SECTION 801-B. POWERS AND DUTIES OF TAX COLLECTOR.
- 20 (A) COLLECTION OF TAXES REQUIRED. -- THE TOWNSHIP TAX
- 21 COLLECTOR SHALL COLLECT ALL COUNTY, INSTITUTION DISTRICT,
- 22 TOWNSHIP, SCHOOL AND OTHER TAXES LEVIED WITHIN SUCH TOWNSHIPS BY
- 23 AUTHORITIES AUTHORIZED TO LEVY TAXES.
- 24 (B) COLLECTION OF TAXES PERMITTED. --
- 25 (1) THE TAX COLLECTOR MAY ALSO BE DESIGNATED IN THE TAX-
- 26 LEVYING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION OR BE EMPLOYED BY THE TAX-
- 27 LEVYING AUTHORITY TO COLLECT TAXES LEVIED UNDER THE ACT OF
- 28 DECEMBER 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, NO.511), KNOWN AS THE LOCAL TAX
- 29 ENABLING ACT.
- 30 (2) NO SUCH ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION MAY AUTHORIZE THE

- 1 <u>COLLECTION OF INCOME TAXES IN A MANNER OTHER THAN AS PROVIDED</u>
- 2 IN CHAPTER 5 OF THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT.
- 3 (C) OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES. -- IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS,
- 4 <u>DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS ACT, THE TAX COLLECTOR</u>
- 5 SHALL EXERCISE ALL THE POWERS AND PERFORM ALL THE DUTIES AND BE
- 6 SUBJECT TO ALL THE OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE
- 7 COLLECTION OF TAXES AS ARE CONFERRED UPON TAX COLLECTORS BY LAW.
- 8 SECTION 11. SECTION 1502 XIII OF THE ACT, AMENDED MAY 31,
- 9 1955 (P.L.56, NO.27), IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 10 SECTION 1502. THE CORPORATE POWER OF A TOWNSHIP OF THE FIRST
- 11 CLASS SHALL BE VESTED IN THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS.
- 12 THE BOARD SHALL HAVE POWER--
- 13 * * *
- 14 XIII. LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS. ON THE PETITION OF THE OWNERS OF
- 15 A MAJORITY OF THE LINEAL FEET FRONTAGE ALONG ANY STREET OR
- 16 HIGHWAY, OR PORTION THEREOF, IN ANY VILLAGE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP,
- 17 TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH ELECTRIC, GAS, OR OTHER LIGHTING
- 18 COMPANIES TO LIGHT AND ILLUMINATE THE STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AND
- 19 OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID VILLAGE WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT, GAS
- 20 LIGHT, OR OTHER ILLUMINANT.
- 21 THE TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS SHALL ANNUALLY ASSESS, OR CAUSE TO
- 22 BE ASSESSED, THE COST AND EXPENSE OF THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID
- 23 LIGHTS BY AN EQUAL ASSESSMENT ON ALL PROPERTY BENEFITED BY SUCH
- 24 LIGHTING IN PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF FEET THE SAME FRONTS ON
- 25 THE STREET, OR HIGHWAY, OR PORTION THEREOF TO BE LIGHTED. THE
- 26 BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FOR AN EQUITABLE
- 27 REDUCTION FROM THE FRONTAGE OF LOTS, AT INTERSECTIONS, OR WHERE,
- 28 FROM THE PECULIAR OR POINTED SHAPE OF LOTS, AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
- 29 FULL FRONTAGE WOULD BE INEOUITABLE. NO SUCH ASSESSMENT SHALL BE
- 30 MADE AGAINST ANY FARM LAND, BUT VACANT LOTS BETWEEN BUILT-UP

- 1 SECTIONS, WHETHER TILLED OR UNTILLED, SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE
- 2 FARM LANDS: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ASSESSMENT PER FRONT
- 3 FOOT AGAINST VACANT LOTS SHALL BE ONLY TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM
- 4 (25%) OF THE ASSESSMENT PER FOOT FRONT AGAINST PROPERTY WITH
- 5 IMPROVEMENTS THEREON. ALL SUCH ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING
- 6 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP [TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR, WHO
- 7 SHALL GIVE THIRTY DAYS' WRITTEN OR PRINTED NOTICE THAT THE
- 8 ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE, STATING THE DUE DATE TO EACH
- 9 PARTY ASSESSED, EITHER BY SERVICE ON THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY,
- 10 OR BY MAILING SUCH NOTICE TO THE OWNER AT HIS LAST KNOWN POST
- 11 OFFICE ADDRESS. THE TOWNSHIP [TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR SHALL BE
- 12 ENTITLED TO THE SAME COMMISSION FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH
- 13 ASSESSMENTS AS HE IS ENTITLED TO BY LAW FOR THE COLLECTION OF
- 14 THE TOWNSHIP TAX. IF THE ASSESSMENTS, OR ANY OF THEM REMAIN
- 15 UNPAID, ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF MAY OF THE SUCCEEDING YEAR THEY
- 16 SHALL BE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR FOR
- 17 COLLECTION. THE SOLICITOR SHALL COLLECT THE SAME, TOGETHER WITH
- 18 FIVE PER CENTUM (5%) AS ATTORNEY'S COMMISSION, AND INTEREST FROM
- 19 THE DATE SUCH ASSESSMENTS WERE DUE, BY A MUNICIPAL CLAIM FILED
- 20 AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF THE DELINQUENT OWNER IN LIKE MANNER AS
- 21 MUNICIPAL CLAIMS ARE BY LAW FILED AND COLLECTED. WHERE AN OWNER
- 22 HAS TWO OR MORE LOTS AGAINST WHICH THERE IS AN ASSESSMENT FOR
- 23 THE SAME YEAR, ALL SUCH LOTS SHALL BE EMBRACED IN ONE CLAIM. ALL
- 24 ASSESSMENTS, WHEN COLLECTED, SHALL BE PAID OVER TO THE TOWNSHIP
- 25 TREASURER, WHO SHALL RECEIVE AND SHALL KEEP ALL SUCH ASSESSMENTS
- 26 COLLECTED FOR LIGHTING THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS IN A SEPARATE
- 27 ACCOUNT AND PAY OUT THE SAME ONLY UPON ORDERS SIGNED BY THE
- 28 PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS,
- 29 ATTESTED BY THE SECRETARY OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY. THE TREASURER
- 30 SHALL MAKE A REPORT TO THE AUDITOR OR CONTROLLER OF THE TOWNSHIP

- 1 ANNUALLY.
- 2 ORNAMENTAL STANDARDS FOR STREET LIGHTING. ON THE PETITION OF
- 3 THE OWNERS OF SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE LINEAL FEET FRONTAGE
- 4 ALONG ANY STREET OR HIGHWAY OR PORTION THEREOF IN ANY VILLAGE
- 5 WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE FOR THE FURNISHING AND
- 6 INSTALLATION OF ORNAMENTAL STANDARDS FOR STREET LIGHTING WITH
- 7 FITTINGS AND UNDERGROUND WIRING THEREFOR ALONG SUCH STREET OR
- 8 HIGHWAY OR THE PORTION THEREOF AFFECTED, AND TO ENTER INTO
- 9 CONTRACTS WITH ELECTRIC, GAS OR OTHER LIGHTING COMPANIES TO
- 10 FURNISH AND INSTALL SUCH STANDARDS WITH THE FITTINGS AND WIRING
- 11 THEREFOR.
- 12 THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS SHALL ASSESS OR CAUSE TO
- 13 BE ASSESSED THE COST AND EXPENSE OF THE FURNISHING AND
- 14 INSTALLATION OF SAID STANDARDS, FITTINGS AND UNDERGROUND WIRING
- 15 BY AN EQUAL ASSESSMENT ON ALL PROPERTY BENEFITED BY THE
- 16 FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF SUCH STANDARDS, FITTINGS AND
- 17 UNDERGROUND WIRING IN PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF FEET THE SAME
- 18 FRONTS ON THE STREET OR HIGHWAY OR PORTION THEREOF TO BE
- 19 LIGHTED. THE TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FOR AN EQUITABLE
- 20 REDUCTION FROM THE FRONTAGE OF LOTS AT INTERSECTIONS, OR WHERE
- 21 FROM THE PECULIAR OR POINTED SHAPE OF LOTS AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
- 22 FULL FRONTAGE WOULD BE INEQUITABLE. NO SUCH ASSESSMENT SHALL BE
- 23 MADE AGAINST ANY FARM LAND, BUT VACANT LOTS BETWEEN BUILT-UP
- 24 SECTIONS, WHETHER TILLED OR UNTILLED, SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE
- 25 FARM LANDS. ALL SUCH ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COST OF FURNISHING AND
- 26 INSTALLATION OF SUCH STANDARDS, FITTINGS AND UNDERGROUND WIRING
- 27 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP [TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR, WHO
- 28 SHALL GIVE THIRTY DAYS WRITTEN OR PRINTED NOTICE THAT THE
- 29 ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE, STATING THE DUE DATE TO EACH
- 30 PARTY ASSESSED, EITHER BY SERVICE ON THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY

- 1 OR BY MAILING SUCH NOTICE TO THE OWNER AT HIS LAST KNOWN POST
- 2 OFFICE ADDRESS. THE TOWNSHIP [TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR SHALL BE
- 3 ENTITLED TO THE SAME COMMISSION FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH
- 4 ASSESSMENTS AS HE IS ENTITLED TO BY LAW FOR THE COLLECTION OF
- 5 THE TOWNSHIP TAX. IF THE ASSESSMENTS OR ANY OF THEM REMAIN
- 6 UNPAID AT THE EXPIRATION OF A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING NINETY DAYS,
- 7 THE EXACT TIME TO BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP
- 8 COMMISSIONERS, THEY SHALL BE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE TOWNSHIP
- 9 SOLICITOR FOR COLLECTION. THE SOLICITOR SHALL COLLECT THE SAME
- 10 TOGETHER WITH FIVE PER CENTUM (5%) AS ATTORNEY'S COMMISSION AND
- 11 INTEREST FROM THE DATE SUCH ASSESSMENTS WERE DUE BY A MUNICIPAL
- 12 CLAIM FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF THE DELINQUENT OWNER IN LIKE
- 13 MANNER AS MUNICIPAL CLAIMS ARE BY LAW FILED AND COLLECTED. WHERE
- 14 AN OWNER HAS TWO OR MORE LOTS AGAINST WHICH THERE IS AN
- 15 ASSESSMENT ALL SUCH LOTS MAY BE EMBRACED IN ONE CLAIM. ALL
- 16 ASSESSMENTS WHEN COLLECTED SHALL BE PAID OVER TO THE TOWNSHIP
- 17 TREASURER WHO SHALL RECEIVE AND SHALL KEEP ALL SUCH ASSESSMENTS
- 18 COLLECTED IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT AND PAY OUT THE SAME ONLY UPON
- 19 ORDERS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE TOWNSHIP
- 20 COMMISSIONERS, ATTESTED BY THE SECRETARY OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY.
- 21 THE TREASURER SHALL MAKE A REPORT TO THE AUDITOR OR CONTROLLER
- 22 OF THE TOWNSHIP ANNUALLY UNTIL ALL OF SUCH ASSESSMENTS ARE PAID
- 23 IN FULL.
- 24 * * *
- 25 SECTION 12. SECTION 1709.1 OF THE ACT, AMENDED FEBRUARY 2,
- 26 2012 (P.L.62, NO.7), IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 27 SECTION 1709.1. ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS TO DUPLICATES.--
- 28 [WHENEVER IN ANY FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP] WHEN THERE IS ANY
- 29 CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING OR BUILDINGS NOT OTHERWISE EXEMPT AS
- 30 A DWELLING AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF ANY YEAR AND THE BUILDING IS

- 1 NOT INCLUDED IN THE TAX DUPLICATE OF THE TOWNSHIP, THE AUTHORITY
- 2 RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSMENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP SHALL, UPON THE
- 3 REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS, INSPECT AND
- 4 REASSESS, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF APPEAL AND ADJUSTMENT
- 5 [PROVIDED] BY THE [ACT OF ASSEMBLY] <u>LAW</u> UNDER WHICH ASSESSMENTS
- 6 ARE MADE, ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP TO WHICH MAJOR
- 7 IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF ANY YEAR AND
- 8 TO GIVE NOTICE OF [SUCH] THE REASSESSMENTS WITHIN TEN DAYS TO
- 9 THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSMENTS, THE TOWNSHIP AND THE
- 10 PROPERTY OWNER. THE PROPERTY SHALL [THEN] BE ADDED TO THE
- 11 DUPLICATE AND [SHALL BE] IS TAXABLE FOR TOWNSHIP PURPOSES AT THE
- 12 REASSESSED VALUATION FOR THAT PROPORTIONATE PART OF THE FISCAL
- 13 YEAR OF THE TOWNSHIP REMAINING AFTER THE PROPERTY WAS IMPROVED.
- 14 ANY IMPROVEMENT MADE DURING THE MONTH SHALL BE COMPUTED AS
- 15 HAVING BEEN MADE ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH. A CERTIFIED COPY
- 16 OF THE ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO THE DUPLICATE SHALL BE
- 17 FURNISHED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS TO THE TOWNSHIP
- 18 [TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR, TOGETHER WITH [THEIR] THE BOARD'S
- 19 WARRANT FOR COLLECTION OF THE SAME, AND WITHIN TEN DAYS
- 20 [THEREAFTER] THE TOWNSHIP [TREASURER] TAX COLLECTOR SHALL NOTIFY
- 21 THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY OF THE TAXES DUE THE TOWNSHIP.
- 22 [WHENEVER] WHEN AN ASSESSMENT IS MADE FOR A PORTION OF A YEAR
- 23 [AS ABOVE PROVIDED], THE [SAME] ASSESSMENT SHALL BE ADDED TO THE
- 24 DUPLICATE OF THE FOLLOWING OR SUCCEEDING YEAR UNLESS THE VALUE
- 25 OF THE IMPROVEMENTS HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN [SAID] THAT
- 26 DUPLICATE.
- 27 SECTION 13. SECTION 1712 OF THE ACT, AMENDED DECEMBER 14,
- 28 1967 (P.L.819, NO.351), IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 29 SECTION 1712. DELIVERY OF DUPLICATES.--THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP
- 30 COMMISSIONERS SHALL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER ADOPTION OF THE

- 1 BUDGET OR WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE ASSESSMENT
- 2 ROLL FROM THE COUNTY, WHICHEVER IS LATER, DELIVER A DUPLICATE OF
- 3 THE ASSESSMENT OF TOWNSHIP TAXES TO THE TOWNSHIP [TREASURER] TAX
- 4 <u>COLLECTOR</u>, TOGETHER WITH [THEIR] <u>THE BOARD'S</u> WARRANT FOR [THE]
- 5 COLLECTION OF THE [SAME] TAXES.
- 6 SECTION 14. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO
- 7 THE CONTRARY, THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:
- 8 (1) THE TERM OF THE PERSON WHO HOLDS THE OFFICE OF
- 9 ELECTED TREASURER IN A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP SHALL END ON THE
- 10 FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MUNICIPAL
- 11 ELECTION OF 2013.
- 12 (2) AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, IF THE
- 13 ELECTED TOWNSHIP TREASURER IS UNABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF
- 14 HIS OFFICE AND FAILS OR REFUSES TO APPOINT A DEPUTY, THE
- 15 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ON PETITION OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP
- 16 COMMISSIONERS, SHALL APPOINT A DEPUTY TREASURER TO SERVE
- 17 UNTIL THE TREASURER IS AGAIN ABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF
- 18 HIS OFFICE, OR UNTIL SUCH DEPUTY IS REMOVED BY THE COURT, BUT
- 19 IN NO INSTANCE SHALL SUCH DEPUTY SERVE BEYOND THE TERM OF THE
- TREASURER IN WHOSE OFFICE HE IS SERVING AS DEPUTY TREASURER.
- 21 THE COURT SHALL ALSO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF SUCH DEPUTY
- TREASURER AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED THAT PAID TO THE ELECTED
- 23 TOWNSHIP TREASURER. FOR THE TIME SUCH DEPUTY SHALL SERVE SUCH
- 24 COMPENSATION SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE COMPENSATION
- 25 OTHERWISE PAYABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER. SUCH DEPUTY
- 26 SHALL FURNISH BOND IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE BOND OF THE
- TREASURER.
- 28 SECTION 15. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AFFECTED BY THIS ACT SHALL
- 29 TRANSFER ALL NECESSARY RECORDS TO EFFECTUATE THIS ACT.
- 30 SECTION 16. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

1	(1) THE FOLLOWING SHALL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 6, 2014:
2	(I) THE REPEAL OF SECTION 511 OF THE ACT.
3	(II) THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 530 OF THE ACT.
4	(III) THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 602 OF THE ACT.
5	(IV) THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 603 OF THE ACT.
6	(V) THE REPEAL OF ARTICLE VIII HEADING OF THE ACT.
7	(VI) THE REPEAL OF SECTION 801 OF THE ACT.
8	(VII) THE REPEAL OF SECTIONS 803, 804, 805, 806, 807
9	AND 808 OF THE ACT.
10	(VIII) THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1502 XIII OF THE
11	ACT.
12	(IX) THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1709.1 OF THE ACT.
13	(X) THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1712 OF THE ACT.
14	(XI) THE ADDITION OF ARTICLE VIII-A OF THE ACT.
15	(XII) THE ADDITION OF ARTICLE VIII-B OF THE ACT.
16	(2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
17	IMMEDIATELY.