

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1301 Session of 2011

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 9, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in assessments of persons and
3 property, further providing for definitions AND FOR
4 ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE; and providing for
5 applicability.



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

8 Section 1. The definition of "board" in section 8582 of
9 Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to
10 read:

11 § 8582. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
13 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 "Board." Any of the following:

17 (1) "Board." As defined in [the act of June 26, 1931,
18 (P.L.1379, No.348), referred to as the Third Class County

1 Assessment Board Law.

2 (2) "Board." As defined in the act of May 21, 1943
3 (P.L.571, No.254), known as The Fourth to Eighth Class County
4 Assessment Law.] section 8802 (relating to definitions).

5 [(3)] (2) "Board of Property Assessment, Appeals and
6 Review." The Board of Property Assessment, Appeals and
7 Review in a county of the second class under the act of June
8 21, 1939 (P.L.626, No.294), referred to as the Second Class
9 County Assessment Law or a similar body established by a home
10 rule county.

11 [(4)] (3) "Board of Revision of Tax and Appeals." The
12 board of revision of taxes and appeals in cities of the third
13 class.

14 (4) The body with responsibility for the making of
15 assessments of real property in a city of the first class.

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17 SECTION 2. SECTION 8584(B) AND (C) OF TITLE 53 ARE AMENDED
18 TO READ:

19 § 8584. ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE.


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21 (B) FILING DEADLINES; RENEWAL OF APPLICATION.--APPLICATIONS
22 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE ASSESSOR NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF EACH
23 YEAR; PROVIDED THAT, IN A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS, THE
24 APPLICATION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE ASSESSOR NOT LATER THAN A
25 DATE SET BY THE GOVERNING BODY, WHICH DATE SHALL BE NO LATER
26 THAN DECEMBER 1 OF THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR IN WHICH THE
27 EXCLUSION SHALL FIRST APPLY. THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MAY
28 ADOPT A SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OR REAPPLICATION FOR REAL PROPERTY
29 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AS HOMESTEAD PROPERTY OR FARMSTEAD PROPERTY.

30 (C) NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES.--THE ASSESSOR


1 SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE
2 AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATIONS TO DESIGNATE REAL PROPERTY AS
3 HOMESTEAD PROPERTY OR FARMSTEAD PROPERTY AND ALL FILING
4 DEADLINES. THE ASSESSOR SHALL MAKE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT
5 LEAST 75 DAYS BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE; PROVIDED THAT, IN A
6 CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT
7 LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE.

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9 Section ~~2~~ 3. Title 53 is amended by adding a section to 
10 read:

11 § 8588. Applicability.

12 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8405 (relating to
13 applicability), the provisions of this subchapter shall apply to
14 cities and counties of the first class and to school districts
15 of the first class. Any action taken pursuant to this subchapter
16 by the governing body of a city of the first class shall apply
17 to a city of the first class and to a school district of the
18 first class.

19 Section ~~3~~ 4. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ 
20 IMMEDIATELY. 