

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 482 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY BREWSTER, ARGALL, TEPLITZ, WILLIAMS, MCGARRIGLE, STEFANO, GORDNER, SCHWANK, WARD, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, WOZNIAK AND RAFFERTY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

REFERRED TO URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), entitled,
 2 as amended, "An act amending, revising and consolidating the
 3 laws relating to delinquent county, city, except of the first
 4 and second class and second class A, borough, town, township,
 5 school district, except of the first class and school
 6 districts within cities of the second class A, and
 7 institution district taxes, providing when, how and upon what
 8 property, and to what extent liens shall be allowed for such
 9 taxes, the return and entering of claims therefor; the
 10 collection and adjudication of such claims, sales of real
 11 property, including seated and unseated lands, subject to the
 12 lien of such tax claims; the disposition of the proceeds
 13 thereof, including State taxes and municipal claims recovered
 14 and the redemption of property; providing for the discharge
 15 and divestiture by certain tax sales of all estates in
 16 property and of mortgages and liens on such property, and the
 17 proceedings therefor; creating a Tax Claim Bureau in each
 18 county, except counties of the first and second class, to act
 19 as agent for taxing districts; defining its powers and
 20 duties, including sales of property, the management of
 21 property taken in sequestration, and the management, sale and
 22 disposition of property heretofore sold to the county
 23 commissioners, taxing districts and trustees at tax sales;
 24 providing a method for the service of process and notices;
 25 imposing duties on taxing districts and their officers and on
 26 tax collectors, and certain expenses on counties and for
 27 their reimbursement by taxing districts; and repealing
 28 existing laws," in sale of property, providing for Optional
 29 County Demolition and Rehabilitation Fund.

30 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 31 hereby enacts as follows:

1 Section 1. The act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known
2 as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, is amended by adding a section
3 to read:

4 Section 631. Optional County Demolition and Rehabilitation
5 Fund.--(a) Each county of the first, second, second class A,
6 third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth class and home
7 rule charter county of these classes that imposes the fee
8 authorized under subsection (b) shall establish a county
9 demolition and rehabilitation fund.

10 (b) The governing body of the county may, by resolution or
11 ordinance, authorize the tax claim bureau of that county to
12 charge and collect a fee not to exceed ten per centum (10%) for
13 each property sold at tax sale. The fee raised shall be
14 deposited into the Optional County Demolition and Rehabilitation
15 Fund to be used exclusively for the demolition or
16 rehabilitation, or both, of dilapidated buildings on blighted
17 property situate in the county.

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