

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), entitled
 2 "An act relating to the collection of taxes levied by
 3 counties, county institution districts, cities of the third
 4 class, boroughs, towns, townships, certain school districts
 5 and vocational school districts; conferring powers and
 6 imposing duties on tax collectors, courts and various
 7 officers of said political subdivisions; and prescribing
 8 penalties," providing for payment of taxes; and further
 9 providing for notices of taxes.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known
 13 as the Local Tax Collection Law, is amended by adding a section
 14 to read:

15 Section 5.2. Payment of taxes.--(a) (1) Within 60 days of
 16 the effective date of this section, a tax collector shall open
 17 an account which includes the name of an office, title or
 18 position and may include the name of the municipality for which
 19 the tax collector was elected or appointed. No payment of taxes
 20 shall be deposited into an account bearing only an individual's

1 name.

2 (2) An account opened under clause (1) may not be opened
3 using an individual's Social Security number.

4 (b) Within 60 days of the effective date of this section,
5 the tax collector shall transfer any money that has already been
6 collected into the account required by subsection (a) unless the
7 account already administered by the tax collector meets the
8 criteria of subsection (a).

9 (c) A tax collector for a joint tax collection district
10 established under section 4.2 may open one account to which
11 payment of all taxes being collected by the joint tax collection
12 district shall be made, if the account includes the name of the
13 joint tax collection district and does not bear the name of an
14 individual.

15 (d) A county treasurer collecting taxes under an agreement
16 under section 4.4 may open one account to which payment of all
17 taxes being collected by the agreements shall be made, provided
18 that the account includes the name of an office, title or
19 position and does not bear the name of an individual.

20 Section 2. Section 6 of the act is amended to read:

21 Section 6. Notices of Taxes.--When any duplicate of taxes
22 assessed is issued and delivered by any taxing district to the
23 tax collector, he shall within thirty days after receiving the
24 tax duplicate, unless such time shall be extended by the taxing
25 district, notify every taxable whose name appears on such
26 duplicate: Provided, however, That a tax notice shall be sent to
27 every taxable whose name appears on the duplicate not later than
28 the first day of July following receipt of the tax duplicate, or
29 not later than fifteen days after the duplicate of taxes
30 assessed is issued and delivered by the taxing district to the

1 tax collector if such delivery is after the sixteenth day of
2 June: And provided further, That municipalities that have
3 adopted a home rule charter under the act of April 13, 1972
4 (P.L.184, No.62), known as the "Home Rule Charter and Optional
5 Plans Law," may establish a different date for the sending of
6 tax notices to taxables. Such notice shall contain--(1) the date
7 of the tax notice; (2) the rate or rates of taxation; (3) the
8 valuation and identification of the real property of such
9 taxpayer; (4) the occupation valuation of such taxpayer, if any;
10 (5) the several amounts of real and personal property and
11 personal taxes for which said taxpayer is liable for the current
12 year; (6) the total amount of said taxes; (7) a statement that
13 such taxes are due and payable; [and] (8) a request for payment
14 thereof[.]; and (9) an example of the wording to whom the
15 payment must be made, including the name of the account
16 established under section 5.2, but not in the name of an
17 individual only. A separate notice shall be issued for each
18 parcel of real property of a taxable. Personal property and
19 personal taxes may be included on any one of such tax notices.
20 Such notice shall further designate a place and time where the
21 taxes shall be paid and state the time during which an abatement
22 of tax will be allowed, when full amount of tax will be
23 collected, and when an additional percentage will be added as a
24 penalty. Such notice shall be mailed or delivered to the last
25 known post office address of each of said taxables. Any such
26 notice may include information as to taxes levied by two or more
27 taxing districts.

28 The Department of Community and Economic Development shall
29 prepare a uniform form of tax notice and supply specimen copies
30 thereof to the county commissioners of the several counties for

1 distribution to tax collectors.

2 Section 3. All other acts and parts of acts are repealed
3 insofar as they are inconsistent with this act.

4 Section 4. The provisions of this act are severable. If any
5 provision of this act or its application to any person or
6 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
7 other provisions or applications of this act which can be given
8 effect without the invalid provision or application.

9 Section 5. This act shall take effect January 1 of the year
10 immediately following the date of enactment.