

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 691 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, J. WARD, SCHWANK AND KEARNEY,  
MAY 31, 2019

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 31, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled "An  
2 act concerning townships of the second class; and amending,  
3 revising, consolidating and changing the law relating  
4 thereto," in corporate powers, further providing for real  
5 property.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1503(a) of the act of May 1, 1933  
9 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, is  
10 amended to read:

11 Section 1503. Real Property.--(a) No real estate owned by  
12 the township having a value in excess of [fifteen hundred  
13 dollars (\$1,500)] six thousand dollars (\$6,000) may be sold  
14 except to the highest bidder after due notice by advertisement  
15 for bids or advertisement of a public auction in one newspaper  
16 of general circulation in the township. The advertisement shall  
17 be published once not less than ten days before the date set for  
18 the opening of bids or public auction, and the date for opening  
19 bids or public auction shall be announced in the advertisement.

1 The award of contracts shall be made only by public announcement  
2 at a regular or special meeting of the board of supervisors or  
3 at the public auction. All bids shall be accepted on the  
4 condition that payment of the purchase price in full shall be  
5 made within sixty days of the acceptance of bids. Real estate  
6 owned by the township may be sold at a consideration of six  
7 thousand dollars (\$6,000) or less without advertisement or  
8 competitive bidding only after the board of supervisors  
9 estimates the value of the real estate upon receipt of an  
10 appraisal by a qualified real estate appraiser. Prior to selling  
11 real estate valued at six thousand dollars (\$6,000) or less  
12 without advertisement or competitive bidding, the board of  
13 supervisors shall make a public announcement of the board of  
14 supervisors' intention to sell the real estate at a regular or  
15 special meeting of the board of supervisors at least thirty days  
16 prior to the sale.

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