
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1209 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY LEACH, JUNE 23, 2020

REFERRED TO FINANCE, JUNE 23, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873,
2 No.1), entitled "An act providing for taxation by school
3 districts, for the State funds formula, for tax relief in
4 first class cities, for school district choice and voter
5 participation, for other school district options and for a
6 task force on school cost reduction; making an appropriation;
7 prohibiting prior authorized taxation; providing for
8 installment payment of taxes; restricting the power of
9 certain school districts to levy, assess and collect taxes;
10 and making related repeals," in taxation by school districts,
11 further providing for public referendum requirements for
12 increasing certain taxes.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 333 of the act of June 27, 2006 (1st
16 Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, is
17 amended by adding a subsection to read:

18 Section 333. Public referendum requirements for increasing
19 certain taxes.

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21 (f.1) Referendum exception for disaster emergency.--
22 Notwithstanding subsection (f), a school district may, without
23 seeking voter approval under subsection (c), increase the rate

1 of a tax levied for the support of the public schools by more
2 than the index during the duration of the proclamation of
3 disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,
4 published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), including during
5 the duration of any renewal of the state of disaster emergency.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.