
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 278 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY RADER, FREEMAN, NEILSON, GALLOWAY, MILLARD, CIRESI
AND ZIMMERMAN, JANUARY 27, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 27, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11
2 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in
3 taxation and finance, further providing for tax levy; and, in
4 taxation, further providing for tax levies.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1302(a) of Title 8 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
9 § 1302. Tax levy.

10 (a) Authority.--The council of the borough shall have power,
11 by resolution for taxes levied at the same rate as or a rate
12 lower than the previous fiscal year, and by ordinance if the tax
13 rate increases from the previous fiscal year, to levy and
14 collect annually a tax not exceeding 30 mills for general
15 borough purposes, unless the council by majority action, upon
16 due cause shown by resolution, petitions the court of common
17 pleas, in which case the court may order a rate of not more than
18 five mills additional to be levied and in addition any of the
19 following taxes:

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2 (11) For the purpose of supporting a local police
3 department, not to exceed three mills, only following a
4 favorable referendum on the matter held in accordance with
5 the election laws of this Commonwealth.

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7 Section 2. Section 12531(a) of Title 11 is amended by adding
8 a paragraph to read:

9 § 12531. Tax levies.

10 (a) Property tax.--Council may, by resolution for taxes
11 levied at the same rate as or a rate lower than the previous
12 fiscal year, and by ordinance if the tax rate increases from the
13 previous fiscal year, levy and, in accordance with this part,
14 provide for the collection of taxes on all property within the
15 city that is made taxable for city purposes and subject to
16 valuation and assessment by the county assessment office or the
17 city, as provided in Subchapter A (relating to assessments of
18 property for taxation), as follows:

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20 (6) An annual tax, not to exceed three mills, for the
21 support of the city police department, only following a
22 favorable referendum on the matter held in accordance with
23 the election laws of this Commonwealth.

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25 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.