
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MASSER, STAMBAUGH, HERSHEY, MALONEY, MOUL,
MILLARD, ROWE, HEFFLEY, ZIMMERMAN, JOZWIAK AND WHEELAND,
APRIL 27, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 27, 2021

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(f) 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 paragraph to read:

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

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21 (f) Referendum exceptions.--A school district may, without
22 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 if all of the following apply:

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4 (3) A school district proceeding under the provisions of
5 this subsection shall hold two public hearings on the subject
6 of its intent to increase the rate of tax levied as proposed
7 under this subsection and subsection (n). At least one week
8 prior to the public hearings, the school district shall
9 publish notice of the hearings in a newspaper of general
10 circulation in the school district and on the school
11 district's publicly accessible Internet website, if one is
12 maintained. The notice shall include the purpose, date, time
13 and place of the public meetings. Each public meeting shall
14 be held on a weekday during an academic school week as
15 follows:

16 (i) One public meeting shall be held between the
17 hours of 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

18 (ii) One public meeting shall be held between the
19 hours of 3:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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