

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1218 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY FARRY, PENNYCUICK, BREWSTER, COLLETT, ARGALL,
KEARNEY, CULVER AND SCHWANK, JUNE 7, 2024

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 7, 2024

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 taxation and finance, further providing for
5 township and special tax levies.

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

8 Section 1. Section 3205(a)(4) and (8) of the act of May 1,
9 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code,
10 are amended to read:

11 Section 3205. Township and Special Tax Levies.--(a) The
12 board of supervisors may by resolution levy taxes upon all real
13 property within the township made taxable for township purposes,
14 as ascertained by the last adjusted valuation for county
15 purposes, for the purposes and at the rates specified in this
16 section. All taxes shall be collected in cash.

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18 (4) An annual tax [not exceeding three mills] to purchase
19 and maintain fire apparatus and a suitable place to house fire

1 apparatus, to make appropriations to fire companies located
2 inside and outside the township, to make appropriations for the
3 training of fire company personnel and for fire training schools
4 or centers and to contract with adjacent municipal corporations
5 or volunteer fire companies therein for fire protection. The
6 following shall apply:

7 (i) The township may appropriate [up to one-half, but not to
8 exceed one mill, of] the revenue generated from a tax under this
9 clause for the purpose of paying salaries, benefits or other
10 compensation of fire suppression employes of the township or a
11 fire company serving the township.

12 [(ii) If an annual tax is proposed to be set at a level
13 higher than three mills, the question shall be submitted to the
14 voters of the township.]

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16 (8) An annual tax [not exceeding one-half mill] to support
17 ambulance, rescue and other emergency services serving the
18 township. The following shall apply:

19 (i) The township may appropriate [up to one-half of] the
20 revenue generated from a tax under this clause for the purpose
21 of paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of employes
22 of the ambulance, rescue or other emergency service.

23 [(ii) If an annual tax is proposed to be set higher than
24 one-half mill, the question shall be submitted to the voters of
25 the township.]

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