

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

Section 1. Section 530, act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955), and amended June 3, 1953 (P. L. 275), is amended to read:

Section 530. Township Commissioners.—When a vacancy occurs in the office of township commissioner in any township, by reason of death, resignation, removal from the township or ward, or otherwise, the board of township commissioners of such township shall fill such vacancy by appointing by resolution a registered voter of the ward or township, as the case may be, in which the vacancy occurs. If the board of township commissioners of any township shall refuse, fail, or neglect, or be unable for any reason whatsoever, to fill such vacancy within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, then the court of quarter sessions shall upon the petition of twenty registered voters of the ward or township, as the case may be, in which the vacancy occurs appoint a registered voter of the township to fill the vacancy. In either event, the person so appointed shall have been a resident of the township continuously for at least one (1) year before his appointment and shall hold office for the unexpired term of the person whose place he is appointed to fill. In townships divided into wards, a commissioner appointed by either the board of commissioners or the court of quarter sessions shall reside in the ward in which the vacancy occurred and shall have resided in said ward continuously for at least one (1) year before his appointment.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

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No. 10

AN ACT

HB 200

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, and consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," increasing millage of annual tax for general township purposes.

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

Section 1. Clause One, section 1709, act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955) and amended March 25, 1963 (P. L. 8), is amended to read:

Section 1709. Tax Levies.—The board of township commissioners may levy taxes upon all property and upon all occupations within the township made taxable for township purposes, as ascertained by the valuation for county purposes made by the assessors of the several counties of this Commonwealth for the year for which the township taxes are levied, for the ¹ purposes and at the rate hereinafter specified: Provided, however, That such valuation shall be subject to correction by the county commissioners of the several counties, and to appeal by the taxable persons in accordance with existing laws.

One. An annual tax for general township purposes, not exceeding [twenty] twenty-five mills, unless the board of township commissioners by majority action shall, upon due cause shown by resolution, petition the court of quarter sessions, in which case the court may order a rate of ² not more than five mills additional to be levied: Further provided, That if, at the hearing before the court of quarter sessions upon said petition, of which notice shall be given as the court may direct, which hearing shall be held not less than ten nor more than fifteen days after said petition shall be presented, the owners of real estate having assessed valuation of fifty per centum of the total assessed valuation of real estate in said township shall, by petition, object to the making of an order for any additional tax levy, the court shall thereupon deny the prayer of said petition.

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APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 11

AN ACT

HB 9

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, to sell and convey 11.434 acres, more or less, of land, situate in the Township of Cecil, Washington County, to the Borough of Canonsburg.

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

Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized on behalf of the

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