

## No. 38

## AN ACT

## HB 154

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," authorizing an increase in the amount of tax for fire fighting under certain circumstances.

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

Section 1. Clause Two of section 1709, act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569) and amended June 29, 1967 (P.L.151, No.38), 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 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.

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Two. An annual tax not exceeding [**two**] *three* mills for the purpose of building and maintaining suitable places for the housing of fire apparatus and for the purpose of purchasing, maintaining and operating fire apparatus [**—the receipts from said tax for maintenance to be divided among the fire companies of the township.] and for the purposes of making of appropriations to fire companies within or without the township and of contracting with adjacent municipalities or volunteer fire companies therein for fire protection. If an annual tax for the purposes specified in this clause is proposed to be set at a level higher than three mills the question shall be submitted to the voters of the township, and the county board of elections shall frame the question in accordance with the election laws of the Commonwealth for submission to the voters of the township.**

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APPROVED—The 16th day of July, A. D. 1975.

MILTON J. SHAPP