

## No. 2006-106

## AN ACT

SB 1114

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled, as reenacted and amended, "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," further providing for county associations; and authorizing appropriations by townships to counties for land acquisitions.

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

Section 1. Section 1401 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, reenacted and amended November 9, 1995 (P.L.350, No.60) and amended February 21, 2002 (P.L.100, No.9), is amended to read:

Section 1401. County Associations.—(a) County associations of township officials may be formed. County associations shall hold annual or semi-annual conventions at places determined by the association to consider and discuss questions and subjects pertaining to improvement of township government, assessment of property, collection of taxes and construction, improvement and maintenance of roads. Associations of two or more adjacent counties may arrange to meet in joint sessions.

(b) The supervisors, auditors, assessors, tax collectors, managers, solicitors, engineers, treasurer and secretary of the board of supervisors shall attend the conventions when possible.

(c) (1) Each supervisor, auditor, assessor, tax collector, manager, solicitor, engineer, treasurer and secretary attending the convention shall receive a certificate, signed by the secretary of the county association, attesting their presence at the convention. The certificate entitles the official to collect from the township treasurer the sum of **[thirty-five dollars (\$35)]** *fifty dollars (\$50)* for each day's attendance, expenses which are limited to the registration fee, mileage for use of a personal vehicle or reimbursement of actual transportation expense going to and returning from the meeting plus all other actual expenses that the board of supervisors agrees to pay. Every delegate attending the meeting shall submit to the board of supervisors an itemized account of expenses incurred at the meeting.

(2) If the meeting is held during township employes' normal work schedule, the board of supervisors may authorize township employes to be compensated at their regular employe rate during their attendance at the meeting, in which case the employe is not entitled to the **[thirty-five dollars (\$35)]** *fifty dollars (\$50)* mentioned in this section.

(3) The board of supervisors may authorize a supervisor who is not employed by the township to receive total or partial reimbursement for lost

wages or salary while attending the annual meeting, in which case the supervisor is not entitled to the [thirty-five dollars (\$35)] *fifty dollars (\$50)* mentioned in this section, provided that sufficient documentation of such wages or salary is presented to the board of supervisors to justify the reimbursement.

(4) No supervisor, auditor, assessor, tax collector, manager, solicitor, engineer, treasurer or secretary shall be paid for more than two days' attendance in any one year.

(d) The officers of the association shall consist of a president, one or two vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, all of whom, except the secretary, shall be members of the association and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are chosen. The secretary of the association may be compensated for services an amount determined by the members of the association. Every supervisor, assessor, tax collector, manager, secretary, treasurer and auditor attending the convention may vote on policy matters and in the election of officers of the association.

(e) Expenses of each county association convention shall be paid from dues assessed by the association on each member township or from other funds as the members of the county association determine.

(f) Each county association of township officials may elect one township supervisor, township manager, township treasurer or township secretary for each ten townships, or fraction thereof, within the county, as a voting delegate to each annual meeting of the State association, but each county association is entitled to a minimum of two delegates at each meeting. These delegates' expenses may be paid by the respective county association.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

***Section 1552. Counties.—The board of supervisors may make appropriations to the county in which the township is situated for land acquisition related to community and economic development projects located within the township.***

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

APPROVED—The 7th day of July, A.D. 2006.

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