

No. 1996-175

AN ACT

HB 1116

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 appropriations for training fire personnel and for fire training schools or centers.

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

Section 1. Sections 1803 and 3205(a)(4) 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), are amended to read:

Section 1803. Fire Companies [and], Facilities *and Training*.—(a) The board of supervisors may appropriate moneys for the use of the township or to fire companies located in the township for the operation and maintenance of fire companies, for the purchase and maintenance of fire apparatus [and], for the construction, repair and maintenance of fire company houses, *for training of fire company personnel and, as set forth in this section, for fire training schools or centers* in order to secure fire protection for the inhabitants of the township. The fire companies shall submit to the board of supervisors an annual report of the use of the appropriated moneys for each completed year of the township before any further payments may be made to the fire companies for the current year.

(b) The board of supervisors may by ordinance make rules and regulations for the government of fire companies which are located within the township and their officers.

(c) The board of supervisors may contract with or make grants to near or adjacent municipal corporations or volunteer fire companies therein for fire protection in the township.

(d) No volunteer fire company not in existence in the township before the effective date of this act may organize or operate unless the establishment or organization is approved by resolution of the board of supervisors.

(e) *The board of supervisors may annually appropriate funds to fire companies located within the township for the training of its personnel and to lawfully organized or incorporated county or regional firemen's associations or an entity created pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), referred to as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, to establish, equip, maintain and operate fire training schools or centers for the purpose of giving instruction and practical training in the prevention, control and fighting of fire and related fire department emergencies to the*

members of fire departments and volunteer fire companies in any city, borough, town or township within this Commonwealth.

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

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(4) An annual tax not exceeding three mills to purchase and maintain fire apparatus and a suitable place to house fire apparatus, to make appropriations to fire companies located inside and outside the township, *to make appropriations for the training of fire company personnel and for fire training schools or centers* and to contract with adjacent municipal corporations or volunteer fire companies therein for fire protection. If an annual tax is proposed to be set at a level higher than three mills, the question shall be submitted to the voters of the township.

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

APPROVED—The 18th day of December, A.D. 1996.

THOMAS J. RIDGE