

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 837 Session of 2011

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for appointment of
6 tax collector in certain cases; providing for requirements of
7 a school district collecting taxes; further providing for
8 bond of appointed collectors; and providing for fair
9 compensation to elected tax collectors.

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

12 Section 1. Section 683 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
13 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to
14 read:

15 Section 683. Appointment of Tax Collector in Certain
16 Cases.--The board of school directors in each school district of
17 the second, third, or fourth class shall utilize the services of
18 the local elected tax collector, however, where a tax collector
19 is not elected to collect school taxes, or where there is a
20 vacancy, or where any tax collector elected refuses to qualify
21 or furnish a bond as herein provided, shall, annually, on or

1 before the first day of June in each year, appoint one or more
2 suitable persons as tax collectors in said school districts. The
3 board of school directors in any school district, appointing any
4 tax collector or tax collectors, may authorize and direct any
5 one tax collector to collect the school taxes in any one or more
6 wards or other proper divisions in such school district.

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

8 Section 683.1. Requirements of a School District Collecting
9 Taxes.--In the event that a school district through its employes
10 performs the functions of an elected tax collector for the
11 collection of school real estate taxes, the following shall
12 apply:

13 (1) The school district shall certify with the approval of
14 the school board which employes are to assume the responsibility
15 of collecting taxes. These employes shall be required to
16 maintain the same basic training, examination and continuing
17 education requirements as an elected tax collector as set forth
18 in section 4.1 of the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394),
19 known as the "Local Tax Collection Law." Only those employes of
20 the school district who are certified by the school district and
21 properly bonded as provided for in section 684(e) may interact
22 or consult with taxpayers.

23 (2) The school district shall post hours of operation in a
24 conspicuous place at the office designated by the school
25 district for the collection of taxes.

26 (3) A school district that collects taxes shall ensure that
27 all provisions of the "Local Tax Collection Law" are being
28 complied with except where this section expressly states
29 otherwise.

30 Section 3. Section 684 of the act is amended by adding a

1 subsection to read:

2 Section 684. Bond of Appointed Collectors.--* * *

3 (e) A school district employe performing the functions of an
4 elected tax collector must meet the same bonding requirements as
5 an elected tax collector as set forth in section 4 of the act of
6 May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the "Local Tax
7 Collection Law."

8 Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

9 Section 689. Fair Compensation to Elected Tax Collectors.--
10 The board of school directors shall set fair compensation for
11 all elected tax collectors. Compensation shall be based upon,
12 but not limited to, stationery paper, supplies, printing,
13 notices, postage, telephone services, office equipment, software
14 licenses, cost of hand delivery of lien filings, office rental,
15 cost of meeting all requirements for timely filing, reporting,
16 issuance of tax receipts, bonding and continuing education of
17 all employes of the tax collector.

18 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.