

PENNSYLVANIA COALITION OF TAXPAYER ASSOCIATIONS
RESOLUTION DEMANDING REPEAL OF ACT 1 AND ENACTMENT OF
TRUE PROPERTY TAX REFORM

JULY 2006

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Legislature is unable to carry out its Constitutional responsibilities and is crippling school districts and property owners through its inaction on property tax reform, and

WHEREAS, Act 1 does not provide property tax reform, and

WHEREAS, the disproportionate rebates that may become available under Act 1 are distributed in a discriminatory manner by favoring property owners with low school property tax bills and are not distributed equitably within or among school districts, and in fact favor major cities over the balance of the state, and

WHEREAS, the shift to a higher local earned income tax under Act 1 in exchange for an offsetting reduction in property tax is not tax reform and does not solve inequitable funding across all school districts, and

WHEREAS, stressed school districts that have insufficient assessed value to support education also lack a sufficient earned income base, rendering the shift to local earned income tax useless in solving funding inequities, and

WHEREAS, Act 1 exacerbates funding inequities, as any rebates that may become available, plus a shift in local income tax, if approved, result in the greatest reductions provided to school districts where the tax burden is the least and the smallest reductions provided to districts where the tax burden is the greatest, and

WHEREAS, local school boards lack expertise in controlling budgets and negotiating with unions, resulting in a rapid escalation of property taxes oftentimes at 3 or 4 times the increase in the cost of living, forcing property owners out of their homes, and

WHEREAS, the backend referendum provision under Act 1 has been rendered useless by the same exceptions demonstrated under Act 72 to be totally ineffective, thereby providing no control over annual school budgets to the taxpayer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the undersigned leaders of taxpayer associations on behalf of their memberships across Pennsylvania, by their signatures, DEMAND that the Legislature immediately repeal Act 1, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the undersigned leaders of taxpayer associations and their members DEMAND the Legislature IMMEDIATELY begin working on true property tax reform.

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Signed this 21st day of July in the year 2006.

Signatories:

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