

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 913 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, MADDEN, SIEGEL, HILL-EVANS,  
SCHLOSSBERG, SANCHEZ, INNAMORATO AND BRENNAN, APRIL 17, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 17, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 19, 1967 (1968 P.L.992, No.442),  
2 entitled "An act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
3 and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire  
4 or hold land for open space uses," further providing for  
5 local taxing options.

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

8 Section 1. Section 7.1(a) introductory paragraph of the act  
9 of January 19, 1967 (1968 P.L.992, No.442), entitled "An act  
10 authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local  
11 government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for  
12 open space uses," amended April 19, 2022 (P.L.55, No.15), is  
13 amended to read:

14 Section 7.1. Local Taxing Options.--(a) A local government  
15 unit, excluding [counties and] county authorities, may by  
16 ordinance impose, in addition to the statutory rate limits on  
17 real estate taxes set forth in the municipal code of that local  
18 government unit, an open space tax on real property not  
19 exceeding the millage authorized by referendum under subsection

1 (a.3). In the alternative, a local government unit, excluding  
2 [counties and] county authorities, may by ordinance impose, in  
3 addition to the earned income tax rate limit set forth in the  
4 act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as "The Local  
5 Tax Enabling Act," an open space tax on the earned income of the  
6 residents of that local government unit not exceeding the rate  
7 authorized by referendum under subsection (a.3). Revenue from  
8 the levy may only be used for the following:

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10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.