



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

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TO: Senate Local Government Committee  
FROM: Elam M. Herr, Asst. Executive Director  
SUBJECT: SB 793 (PN 954) and SB 872 (PN 1006)

Currently in the Senate Local Government Committee are SB <sup>793</sup> (PN 954) and SB 872 (PN 1006), both of which would amend the Second Class Township Code. The Association **supports both bills as written** and asks that you vote them from committee.

Senate Bill 793 would amend the Second Class Township Code by consolidating existing powers to enact and administer construction, occupancy, and property maintenance regulations into a new Article XVII-A (*Uniform Construction Code, Property Maintenance Code and Reserved Powers*). This legislation would also clarify in the code that second class townships are subject to the Pa Construction Code Act (*Act 45 of 1999*) and that all municipal regulations governing the construction, alteration, repair, and occupancy of property must conform to the UCC Act.

The legislation would establish provisions related to the enactment and enforcement of property maintenance codes. Specifically, it would clearly authorize townships to adopt property maintenance ordinances including any standard or nationally recognized property maintenance code or parts thereof.

This legislation addresses existing PSATS policy, specifically *resolution 13-54* that requests that townships be given the same authority as other municipal governments to address property maintenance issues.

Senate Bill 872 would amend the Section 1540 of the Second Class Township Code to allow the board of supervisors to recognize the service or passing of a township official, employee, or volunteer. This recognition would allow the township to provide a small token of appreciation in the form of flowers or a plaque for the service the individual provided to the township. The legislation goes further to limit the amount the township could spend on this recognition to no more than one hundred dollars.

This legislation would address existing PSATS policy, specifically *resolution 14-26* that requests that a township be allowed to recognize those that have provided service to the township.

PSATS **supports** both SB 793 and SB 872 and asks that they be reported from committee.