



**Pennsylvania Municipal League**  
President – Salvatore J. Panto, Jr., Mayor, City of Easton



**Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners**  
President – Michael Higgins, Commissioner, Aston Township

To: Members of the Senate Local Government Committee

From: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, PA Municipal League

Re: Support for HBs 510, 511, 512, 547 and 548

Date: April 29, 2019

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On behalf of the members of the PA Municipal League and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners, I write in support of the above referenced bills and ask for your affirmative vote when they are considered in the Senate Local Government Committee on Tuesday, April 30.

House Bills 510-512 authorize the use of a resolution instead of an ordinance when entering into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement, unless otherwise required by law. This change will give more flexibility to local governments and promote cooperation by providing an easier, less expensive and quicker option to effectuating intergovernmental cooperation agreements.

House Bills 547 and 548 authorize the use of a resolution rather than an ordinance to state the real property tax rate for the coming year. Resolutions would be allowed unless the tax rate is increasing. Again, this is a small change, but it reduces expenses for local government and offers more flexibility.

PML and PSATC support this legislation.