

Sample Resolution Opposing S-458

Introduced by:

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Whereas, Senate Bill 458 calls for a referendum to consolidate the municipal tax assessor, municipal tax collector, municipal health services and municipal animal control services at the county, and;

Whereas, Senate bill 458 does not give the municipality any option if the county voters cast a majority to consolidate, and;

Whereas, consolidation would cause unnecessary hardship on citizens who rely on the municipal tax office for information and assistance, particularly the community's senior citizens who depend on tax offices for assistance in completing tax freeze and rebate forms. Without proper study there is no proof that consolidation will save any public money, and;

Whereas, Senate Bill 458 calls for a master plan for the consolidation of the tax assessment and tax collection functions after enactment of the proposal without giving the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed master plan, and;

Whereas, current state statutes place responsibility for tax assessment and tax collection under municipal jurisdiction, and;

Whereas, it is the municipalities responsibility to collect all property taxes due and distribute same to the other taxing authorities, as well as enforcing laws on delinquents, and;

Whereas, current statute provide for the reserve for uncollected taxes to be included in the municipal budget;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the governing body of the _____ does hereby oppose the passage and enactment of Senate Bill 458.

Be it Further Resolved, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senator Jeffrey Van Drew, Chairman of the Community & Urban Affairs Committee and Senator _____ representing this district as a sign of our opposition to this proposal.

Date: