

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 54:1-70

("Pinelands Municipal Property Tax
Stabilization Act-- extend expiration")

LAWS OF: 1987

CHAPTER: 320

Bill No: A1941

Sponsor(s): Shinn and others

Date Introduced: February 10, 1986

Committee: **Assembly:** Energy and Natural Resources**Senate:** Natural Resources and Agriculture; Revenue, Finance and
Appropriations.Amended during passage: Yes Amendments during passage denoted
by asterisks.Date of Passage: **Assembly:** September 11, 1986**Senate:** August 6, 1987

Date of Approval: December 16, 1987

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Committee statement: **Assembly** Yes**Senate** Yes 2-19-87 and 2-26-87

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1941

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 1986

By Assemblymen SHINN, COLBURN, MORAN, HENDRICKSON
and SINGER

AN ACT to amend P. L. 1983, c. 551.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 3 of P. L. 1983, c. 551 (C. 54:1-70) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 3. As used in this act:

4 a. "Base year" means the calendar year 1980 *prior to any suc-*
5 *cessful tax appeal.*

6 b. "Board" means the Pinelands Municipal Property Tax Stabili-
7 zation Board created pursuant to section 4 of this act.

8 c. "Current tax year" means the most recent year for which a
9 report is filed pursuant to section 6 of this act.

10 d. "Director" means the Director of the Division of Taxation
11 in the Department of the Treasury.

12 e. "Pinelands National Reserve" means the approximately
13 1,000,000 acre area so designated by section 502 of the "National
14 Parks and Recreation Act of 1978," Pub. L. 95-625 (16 U. S. C.
15 § 471 i) and generally depicted on the map entitled "Pinelands Na-
16 tional Reserve Boundary Map" numbered NPS/80.011A and dated
17 September, 1978.

18 f. "Qualified municipality" means any municipality located, in
19 whole or in part, in the Pinelands Area as designated in the "Pine-
20 lands Protection Act," P. L. 1979, c. 111 (C. 13:18A-1 et seq.).

21 g. "Tax rate" means that portion of the effective property tax
22 rate for the current tax year which reflects local taxes to be raised

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Senate committee amendment adopted February 26, 1987.**

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 24 by dividing the total of column 12, section C by net valuation on
 25 which county taxes are apportioned in column 11, both as reflected
 26 in the Abstract of Ratables for the current tax year, and expressed
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 31 equalization rate) promulgated by the director and published in the
 32 table of equalized valuation.

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 35 "Pinelands Protection Act," P. L. 1979, c. 111 (C. 13:18A-1 et seq.)
 36 in a qualified municipality when comparing the current tax year to
 37 the base year.

1 2. Section 17 of P. L. 1983, c. 551 is amended to read as follows:

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STATEMENT

This bill would extend the expiration of the "Pinelands Municipal Property Tax Stabilization Act of 1983" from 1987 to 1989 to better enable the State to aid in the stabilization of property tax rates in the Pinelands area by continuing to counter the effects of reduced land values for vacant land occasioned by development restrictions imposed pursuant to the "Pineland Protection Act," P. L. 1979, c. 111 (C. 13:18A-1 et seq.). The bill would also establish the base year for calculating the funds available to pinelands municipalities as of 1980, prior to the time when tax appeals or revaluations could have occurred.

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ASSEMBLY ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1941

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 12, 1986

The Assembly Energy and Natural Resources Committee favorably reported Assembly Bill No. 1941. This measure would extend the expiration of the "Pinelands Municipal Property Tax Stabilization Act of 1983" from 1987 to 1989 to assist the State in stabilizing property tax rates in the Pinelands by continuing to counter the effects of reduced land values for vacant land attributable to development restrictions imposed pursuant to the "Pinelands Protection Act," P. L. 1979, c. 111 (C. 13:18A-1 et seq.). The bill would also establish the base year for calculating the funds available to pinelands municipalities as of 1980, prior to any successful tax appeals or revaluations.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1941

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 19, 1987

The Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee favorably reported Assembly Bill No. 1941.

This bill would amend the "Pinelands Municipal Property Tax Stabilization Act of 1983," P. L. 1983, c. 551 (C. 54:1-68 et seq.) to establish the base year for calculating the amount due municipalities to the pinelands area to compensate for the effects of the "Pinelands Protection Act," P. L. 1979, c. 111 (C. 13:18A-1 et seq.) as of 1980, prior to any successful tax appeal. It is intended that this bill would be applicable only to payments to be made in 1988 and 1989 and not to any other payment year. The bill would also amend the "Pinelands Municipal Property Tax Stabilization Act of 1983" to extend the expiration date of December 31, 1987 to December 31, 1989.

This bill is identical to Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 2055 and 1700 reported by this committee on December 8, 1986.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1941

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 1987

The Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee reported Assembly Bill No. 1941 favorably, with Senate committee amendments.

This bill extends the "Pinelands Municipal Property Tax Stabilization Act of 1983," P. L. 1983, c. 551 (C. 54:1-68 et seq.) for two years. The act provides State aid to municipalities in the Pinelands area to counter the effect of reduced land values for vacant land resulting from the Pinelands development restrictions. Currently, the program expires December 31, 1987; this substitute extends the program until December 31, 1989.

In addition, the bill alters the "base year" used in the calculation of the State aid payments. Currently, the base year is "calendar year 1980"; the bill changes the base year to "calendar year 1980 prior to any successful tax appeal." This change would have the effect of increasing payments to municipalities in which tax appeals were successful in 1980. Any successful appeals would have lowered the values of property in a municipality creating a smaller difference between land values in 1980 and subsequent years. The result is a smaller State aid payment to those municipalities which experienced successful tax appeals. It is intended that the change in the base year will apply only to payments to be made in 1988 and 1989.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments are technical in nature and add a new section to the bill providing that the act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill contains no appropriation. The fiscal impact of extending the act for two more years would total approximately \$1.4 million (approximately \$700,000.00 a year). The fiscal impact of altering the base year would require an additional \$10,000.00 to \$50,000.00 a year. The State aid for this program has been appropriated as part of the Department of Treasury's budget in the past.