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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. GRISANTI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to conservation easement agreement exemptions for certain towns

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 and paragraphs (a) and (d) of subdivision 3
2 of section 491 of the real property tax law, as added by chapter 296 of
3 the laws of 2009, are amended to read as follows:
4 1. Applicability. A town having a population of not less than [twen-
5 ty-seven] TWENTY-NINE thousand [six hundred] and not more than [twenty-
6 seven] THIRTY thousand [seven hundred] that is located in a county
7 having a population of not less than nine hundred [fifty] NINETEEN thou-
8 sand and not more than nine hundred [fifty-one] TWENTY thousand, based
9 upon the latest decennial federal census, is hereby authorized to adopt
10 a local law to provide that real property whose interests or rights have
11 been acquired for the purpose of the preservation of an open space or an
12 open area, as authorized in section two hundred forty-seven of the
13 general municipal law, may be partially exempt from local real property
14 taxation, provided that the owner or owners of such real property enter
15 into a conservation easement agreement with the municipality in accord-
16 ance with the procedures specified in subdivision three of this section.
17 A county having a population of not less than nine hundred [fifty] NINE-
18 TEEN thousand and not more than nine hundred [fifty-one] TWENTY thou-
19 sand, based upon the latest decennial federal census may, by local law,
20 and any school district, all or part of which is located in a town
21 having a population of not less than [twenty-seven] TWENTY-NINE thousand
22 [six hundred] and not more than [twenty-seven] THIRTY thousand [seven
23 hundred] that is located in a county having a population of not less
24 than nine hundred [fifty] NINETEEN thousand and not more than nine
25 hundred [fifty-one] TWENTY thousand, may, by resolution, exempt such

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 property from its taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as
2 such town has done.

3 (a) Any owner or owners of land may submit a proposal to the town
4 board of a town having a population of not less than [twenty-seven]
5 TWENTY-NINE thousand [six hundred] and not more than [twenty-seven]
6 THIRTY thousand [seven hundred] that is located in a county having a
7 population of not less than nine hundred [fifty] NINETEEN thousand and
8 not more than nine hundred [fifty-one] TWENTY thousand, based upon the
9 latest decennial federal census, for the granting of interest or rights
10 in real property for the preservation of open space or areas. Such
11 proposal shall be submitted in such a manner and form as may be
12 prescribed by the conservation board of such town.

13 (d) The town board, after receiving the reports of the conservation
14 board of a town having a population of not less than [twenty-seven]
15 TWENTY-NINE thousand [six hundred] and not more than [twenty-seven]
16 THIRTY thousand [seven hundred] that is located in a county having a
17 population of not less than nine hundred [fifty] NINETEEN thousand and
18 not more than nine hundred [fifty-one] TWENTY thousand, based upon the
19 latest decennial federal census, and after such public hearing, may
20 adopt the proposal or any modification thereof it deems appropriate or
21 may reject it in its entirety.

22 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.