



WHAT IS PSATS?

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors has been serving townships of the second class since 1921, when Gov. William Sproul signed Act 189 to create PSATS. Today, the Association represents 1,454 member townships. Headquartered in Enola, PSATS has more than 40 full-time employees and operates under the direction of a 12-member executive board, elected each spring by the membership. In addition, the Association has nine standing committees that oversee specific aspects of its operations.

WHAT DOES PSATS DO?

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors is committed to preserving and strengthening township government by lobbying state and federal lawmakers and educating and informing its members through workshops, an annual conference and trade show, and award-winning publications. Here is an overview of PSATS' services:

- **Lobbying, Legislative Research and Analysis, and Policy Development** – PSATS works with state and federal lawmakers to address issues that matter most to townships, analyzes legislation, and develops policy to advance the Association's objectives. The Association also has a Grassroots Lobbying Network, an organized statewide group of local leaders who are on a mission to unify and amplify the township message. Also, with the help of a monthly newsletter and its website, www.psats.org, PSATS keeps township officials informed about new laws and bills.
- **Training** – PSATS offers and administers a full range of training programs for elected and appointed public officials. Topics range from transportation, financial management, and land use management to personnel issues, building code enforcement, and sewage enforcement.
- **Communications** – PSATS is an information clearinghouse for its members and provides them with a full range of newsletters, brochures, and other publications, including the award-winning monthly magazine, the *Pennsylvania Township News*.
- **Insurance** – PSATS offers an array of insurance programs to meet the needs of townships and their employees, including medical, dental, life, disability, workers' compensation, and property and casualty insurance. It also offers pension, retirement savings, and unemployment compensation programs.
- **Affiliate Associations** – PSATS manages four affiliate associations, the Township Solicitors Association, the Township Engineers Association, the Township Planning Association, and the Township Emergency Management Association, which offer specialized services for the consultants and volunteers who help local officials meet their growing responsibilities.

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