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**PUTNAM PENNSYLVANIA TAX EXEMPT INCOME FUND**

CIK:[794615](#) | IRS No.: **043057637** | State of Incorp.:**MA** | Fiscal Year End: **0228**  
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TITLE            PRINC. ACCT. OFFICER

Putnam Pennsylvania Tax Exempt Income Fund  
77L New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2011 04 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820) Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS. ASU 2011 04 amends FASB Topic 820 Fair Value Measurement and seeks to develop common requirements for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements in accordance with GAAP. ASU 2011 04 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The application of ASU 2011 04 did not have a material impact on the funds financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011 11 Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities. The update creates new disclosure requirements requiring entities to disclose both gross and net information for derivatives and other financial instruments that are either off set in the Statement of assets and liabilities or subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement. The disclosure requirements are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013 and interim periods within those annual periods. Putnam Management is currently evaluating the application of ASU 2011 11 and its impact, if any, on the funds financial statements.

Putnam Pennsylvania Tax Exempt Income Fund, November 30, 2012, semi annual report

Because the electronic format for filing Form N-SAR does not provide adequate space for responding to certain items correctly, the correct answers are as follows:

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Class B	105
Class C 418	
Class M	67

72DD2 (000s omitted)

Class Y	127
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Class C	.1299
Class M	.1539

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Class M	452

74U2 (000s omitted)

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74V2

Class Y 9.70

Item 61 Open end funds only

#### Additional Information About Minimum Required Investment

Shareholders can open a fund account with as little as \$500 and make subsequent investments in any amount. The minimum investment is waived if you make regular investments weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly through automatic deductions through your bank checking or savings account. Currently, Putnam is waiving the minimum, but reserves the right to reject initial investments under the minimum.

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#### Additional Information About Errors and Omissions Policy

While no claims with respect to the Registrant/Series were filed under such policy during the period, requests under such policy for reimbursement of legal expenses and costs arising out of claims of market timing activity in the Putnam Funds have been submitted by the investment manager of the Registrant/Series.