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**LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

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**AN ACT**

To amend section six hundred and twenty-seven (627) of an act approved the eighteenth day of May Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and eleven entitled "An act to establish a public system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania together with the provisions by which it shall be administered and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting the same and repealing all laws general special local or any parts thereof that are or may be inconsistent therewith" so far as to require school boards on petition of a certain number of adult residents to permit the use of school buildings and grounds for recreational and educational purposes to permit the use of school funds for such purposes and in districts of the first class to permit an additional tax levy of not to exceed one mill on the dollar to be used for such purposes

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*  
4 section six hundred and twenty-seven (627) of an act  
5 approved the eighteenth of May Anno Domini one thousand  
6 nine hundred and eleven entitled "An act to establish a  
7 public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 together with the provisions by which it shall be admin-  
9 istered and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof  
10 providing revenue to establish and maintain the same and  
11 the method of collecting the same and repealing all laws  
12 general special or local or any parts thereof that are  
13 or may be inconsistent therewith" which reads as follows

14 "Section 627 The board of school directors of any  
15 district may permit the use of its school grounds and  
16 buildings for social recreation and other proper purposes  
17 under such rules and regulations as the board may adopt  
18 shall make such arrangements with any city borough or  
19 township authorities for the improvement care protection  
20 and maintenance of school buildings and grounds for  
21 school park play or other recreation purposes as it may  
22 seem proper and any board of school directors may  
23 make such arrangements as it may see proper with any  
24 association or individual for the temporary use of school  
25 property for schools play grounds social recreation or  
26 other proper educational purposes" be amended to read as  
27 follows

28 Section 627 The board of school directors of any  
29 district may permit the use of its school grounds and

1 buildings for social recreation and other proper purposes  
2 under such rules and regulations as the board may adopt  
3 and shall make such arrangements with any city borough  
4 or township authorities for the improvement care protection  
5 and maintenance of school buildings and grounds for school  
6 park play or other recreation purposes as it may seem  
7 proper and any board of school directors may make such  
8 arrangements as it may see proper with any association  
9 or individual for the temporary use of school property  
10 for schools play grounds social recreation or other proper  
11 educational purposes

12 The board of school directors of any district shall  
13 upon petition of a number of adult bona fide residents  
14 of the territory regularly served by any school equal to  
15 at least one-fifth of the number of pupils regularly at-  
16 tending that school equip and permit the use of the  
17 buildings and grounds belonging to that school for such  
18 purposes and under such reasonable rules and regulations  
19 as are prescribed in the first paragraph of this section  
20 provided that the uses so permitted are not of a sec-  
21 tarian character and not under sectarian control

22 The board of school directors of any district may by  
23 majority vote of all its members expend a reasonable  
24 amount of school funds in carrying out or assisting to  
25 carry out the purposes described in this section

26 In addition to the tax levy authorized by section five  
27 hundred and twenty-four (524) of this act the board of  
28 school directors may levy in any district of the first class  
29 a tax not to exceed one mill on the dollar of the