

Provisions sever-
able.

Section 6. The provisions of this act shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional the decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of the act. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provision not been included therein.

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 201.

AN ACT

To further amend section six hundred and two of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school 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 such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," by allowing boards of school directors to acquire school sites, playgrounds, or buildings in another district.

Public schools.

Section 602 of act of May 18, 1911 (P. L. 309), as amended by act of May 20, 1921 (P. L. 970), further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section six hundred and two of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school 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 such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," as amended by an act, approved the twentieth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred and seventy), entitled "An act to amend section six hundred two of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled 'An act to establish a public school 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 such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith,'" is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 602. In order to comply with the provisions of this act, and subject to the conditions thereof, the board of school directors of each district is hereby vested with the necessary power and authority to acquire, in the name of the district, by purchase, lease, gift, devise, agreement, condemnation, or otherwise, any and all such real estate, either vacant or occupied, including lands theretofore occupied by streets and alleys which have been vacated by municipal authorities, as the board of school directors may deem necessary to furnish suitable sites for school buildings and playgrounds for said district or to enlarge the grounds of any school property held by such district, and to sell, convey, transfer, dispose of, or abandon the same, or any part thereof, as the board of school directors may determine.

Board of directors may acquire property by condemnation or otherwise, for sites for buildings or playgrounds.

When the territory of any school district entirely or partially surrounds the territory of another school district, or where any part of the territory of any school district is so located that access thereto can be had only by passing through some other school district, or where there is vacant land suitable for school purposes in another school district adjacent or near to any district, or where an existing school building, private or public, not required for school purposes by the district in which the same is located, is conveniently located for use, the board of school directors are authorized, for the convenience of attending pupils, to acquire, by purchase, lease, or condemnation, any such school building or any real estate in such other district for the erection thereon of school buildings, and to sell, convey, transfer, or abandon the same, or any part thereof. Any real estate acquired in any other district by any such school district shall be exempt from taxation for any purpose whatsoever. Whenever any such real estate is condemned by a board of school directors, the proceedings for such condemnation and for the appointment of viewers and for the assessment of damages and benefits in connection therewith shall be as provided in sections six hundred five to six hundred fourteen, inclusive, of the act to which this is an amendment.

Board may acquire land in another district under certain conditions.

Such real estate to be exempt from taxation.

Proceedings for condemnation.

The board of school directors of any district is hereby vested with the necessary power and authority to acquire in the name of the district by purchase, lease, gift, devise, agreement, condemnation, or otherwise for school or playground purposes any school building or other real estate situated in another school district and to erect thereon school buildings and to sell, convey, transfer, or abandon the same or any part thereof subject to the provisions of this act. Any such buildings or other real estate used for school or playground purposes acquired in any other district by any such district shall be exempt from taxation for

Board vested with power and authority to acquire or dispose of real estate.

Validation of
such acquisitions
prior to this act.

any purpose whatever; and in any case where a board of school directors of any school district of the second, third, or fourth class has acquired in the name of the district prior to the passage of this act by purchase, lease, gift, devise, agreement, condemnation, or otherwise for school or playground purposes any building or real estate situated or lying in another school district and have or have not erected buildings thereon, such acquisition of buildings or lands or such erection of buildings is hereby declared to be valid and shall be held to be valid to all intents and purposes provided in this act.

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 202.

AN ACT

To amend an act, approved the fourteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and twelve), entitled "An act providing for a system of government for boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the laws relating to boroughs," by adding an additional section to article seventeen, chapter six thereof, providing an additional method for meeting the cost of the construction of new water mains in connection with municipally owned water supply systems in boroughs by empowering boroughs to assess all or a part of the cost of such construction against the properties abutting thereon by the front foot rule and collect the same as municipal claims are now by law collected.

Boroughs.

Assessment for
water mains.

Act of May 14,
1915 (P. L. 312),
chapter 6, article
17, amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the act, approved the fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and twelve), entitled "An act providing a system of government for boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the laws relating to boroughs," be amended by adding an additional section to article seventeen of chapter six of the said act, which shall read as follows:

(c) ASSESSMENT FOR WATER MAINS

Section 51. That boroughs in this Commonwealth shall have power to assess the whole cost or any part of the cost of construction of new water mains built in connection with the establishment or extension of a municipally owned water supply system and serving the properties abutting thereon against the properties abutting along the line thereof by the front foot rule, and to collect such assessments as other municipal claims are now by law collectible: Provided, That the assessment shall be rebated to the owner of the property assessed out of rates charged for water con-