

No. 262.

AN ACT

To amend paragraph nineteen of section one thousand two hundred and ten of the 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.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That paragraph nineteen of section one thousand two hundred and ten of the 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," which was amended by the act, approved the twenty-third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and twenty-eight), entitled "An act to further amend section one thousand two hundred ten, as amended, 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:

Nineteen. Of the salaries herein provided for teachers, supervisors, principals, and all other members of the teaching and supervisory staff in the public schools of the Commonwealth, except part time and night school teachers, the Commonwealth shall pay, for the biennium year beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and each biennium year thereafter, to such school districts as comply with the laws governing the public schools of the Commonwealth, for each of said persons employed

Public school system.

Teachers' salaries.

Paragraph 19 of section 1210 of act of May 13, 1911 (P. L. 309), further amended.

Payment of salaries.

Commonwealth's share.

therein, as shown by the certificate herein required to be filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the November immediately preceding any such biennium year, as follows: In school districts of the first class, for each member of the teaching and supervisory staff, twenty-five per centum (25%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed herein for elementary teachers in such districts; in school districts of the second and third class, for each member of the teaching and supervisory staff, thirty-five per centum (35%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed herein for elementary teachers in such districts; in school districts of the fourth class, for each member of the teaching and supervisory staff, fifty per centum (50%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed herein for teachers in such districts: Provided, That the amount paid by the Commonwealth to a school district in any of the foregoing classes, which has a true valuation per teacher of assessable property of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less, shall be seventy-five per centum (75%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed herein for elementary teachers in such districts; and that the amount paid to a school district in any of the foregoing classes, which has a true valuation per teacher of assessable property of more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), shall be sixty per centum (60%) of the annual minimum salary prescribed herein for elementary teachers in such districts: Provided, That where any member of the teaching or supervisory staff receives less salary than the minimum salary prescribed by the foregoing salary schedule for the class of district in which he is teaching, there shall be paid to the district a corresponding per centum of the salary paid to such person: And provided further, That wherever payment is made upon the salary of any member of the teaching or supervisory staff from Federal or other State funds, such amounts shall be, to the extent thereof, in lieu of the payment provided herein for such person: Provided, further, That the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall annually apportion to each fourth class school district the sum of two hundred (\$200) for each school permanently closed or discontinued in such district since nineteen hundred eleven or which may hereafter be permanently closed or discontinued, or which was heretofore permanently closed or discontinued under the provisions of the act of April twenty-fifth, one thousand nine hundred and one (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred five), entitled "An act to provide for the centralization of township schools, and to provide high schools for townships;" and all payments heretofore made by the Commonwealth, and

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Schools closed in districts of fourth class.

all requisitions and warrants heretofore drawn for payments for schools permanently closed or discontinued under the provisions of said act are hereby ratified, validated, and declared legal. The true valuation per teacher for each district shall be determined by the State Council of Education, on data and material submitted by the officers of such district in the annual report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. It shall be found by dividing the true valuation of the district by the number of full time teachers, which number shall include all teachers, principals, supervisors, and superintendents employed in the vocational and non-vocational schools of the district for the year covered by such report. The true valuation of the taxable property of each school district shall be obtained by dividing the amount of the assessed valuation certified in the annual report of the district for the school year ending June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and every second year thereafter, by the average rate of assessment certified in such annual reports for the three years immediately preceding the date on which such true valuation is determined. For the two fiscal years beginning on June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and ending on May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, such true valuation of the district shall be determined during the month of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, on the data and material available in the report filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction on August first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two. The true valuation of each school district for the two fiscal years beginning on June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and for each biennium thereafter, shall be determined during the month of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the month of October of every second year hereafter. The State Council of Education is hereby given full power and authority to make such investigation, to take such action, and to institute such proceedings, as may be necessary to determine any of the questions that may be raised in the determination and adjustment of the aforesaid true valuations, and the decisions which such council reaches in such questions shall be final and conclusive.

Determination of value per teacher.

Determination of value of taxable property.

When determination shall be made.

Investigations.

Decisions final.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of May, A. D. 1925.

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