

(f.1) Self-propelled golf carts used for transportation of persons engaging in the game of golf on any golf course, while traversing any public highway during any game of golf, shall be exempt from registration.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 2d day of June, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 59

AN ACT

HB 704

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing for districts of the second, third and fourth class to be merged into and become part of a district of the first class A as a reorganized district, providing for a resident from such former districts of the second, third and fourth class to be appointed to the board of directors of such reorganized district of the first class A; providing for levy of a special school tax for a limited time on territory which comprised a school district of the second, third or fourth class merged into and becoming part of a school district of the first class A as a reorganized district; and providing for election of a controller and deputy controller, a treasurer and a deputy treasurer.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 296 and subsection (b) of section 298, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added August 8, 1963 (P. L. 564), is amended to read:

Section 296. Establishment of Reorganized School Districts.—On July 1, 1966, or on the date of advance establishment, all administrative units contained in plans of organization of administrative units approved by the Council of Basic Education shall constitute and be deemed established as school districts, and shall belong to the class to which they are entitled as provided by law: Provided, however, if any approved administrative unit includes any district or districts of the second, third, or fourth class with any district of the first class A, such district or districts of the second, third, or fourth class shall be merged

into and become part of said district of the first class A, and said district of the first class A as thus enlarged shall be the reorganized district and shall be considered as having had continued existence.

Section 298. Property and Indebtedness and Rental Obligations of Former School Districts.—* * *

(b) All obligations of any component former school district evidenced by funding bonds issued after September 12, 1961, for the purpose of funding unfunded debt contracted for current operating expenses, shall continue to be an obligation of the taxable property within such former component school district and any sinking fund created on account of such indebtedness shall remain the separate sinking fund for such bonds. In levying and assessing taxes for the first school year of operation, the interim operating committee, and in levying and assessing such taxes for each subsequent school year, the board of school directors of the newly established school district, shall levy and assess, upon the taxable property within such component former school district for which bonds issued after September 12, 1961, for the purpose of funding unfunded debt contracted for current operating expenses shall be outstanding, a tax in addition to all other school district taxes, in an amount sufficient to discharge the obligation of such component former school district, as set forth pursuant to section 207 of the Municipal Borrowing Law, in the resolution increasing the indebtedness of such component former school district for such purpose. If such funding bonds shall be a part of an issue of bonds issued partly for other purposes, such funding bonds shall be deemed to be the bonds of such issue which mature first: Provided, however, if any district of the second, third or fourth class is merged into and becomes part of any district of the first class A as a reorganized or newly established school district, the reorganized or newly established district, for its first year of operation and for every subsequent year, shall levy and assess the aforesaid tax on the territory comprising the district of the second, third or fourth class merged into and becoming a part of the school district of the first class A: Provided further, That by agreement in writing approved by a majority vote of the directors of the district of the second, third or fourth class merged into and becoming a district of the first class A as a reorganized or newly established school district, and the directors of the district of the first class A, entered into

prior to the effective date of reorganization, the provisions of this subsection may be waived.

Section 2. Section 302 of the act, amended May 13, 1949 (P. L. 1332), is amended to read:

Section 302. Number and Appointment in Districts First Class and First Class A; Reorganized District of First Class A Containing Former Districts of Second, Third or Fourth Class: Terms of Office.—(a) In each school district of the first class or of the first class A, the board shall be known as the “Board of Public Education,” and shall consist of fifteen (15) school directors, whose term of office shall be six (6) years. The terms of five of the members shall expire on the second Monday of November of each odd numbered year, as now provided by law. The judges of the courts of common pleas of the county in which such school district is situated shall, in October of every odd numbered year, appoint five (5) members for terms of six (6) years. Their term of office shall begin on the second Monday of November next following their appointment.

(b) When a school district or districts of the second, third or fourth class is merged into and becomes part of a district of the first class A as a reorganized district under the provisions of Article II, subdivision (i) of this act, the terms of office of all directors of such district or districts of the second, third or fourth class shall terminate on the date of establishment of such reorganized district of the first class A.

As soon as a vacancy occurs in the office of Director of the Board of Public Education, a resident of the area comprising the district of the second, third or fourth class merged into and becoming a part of the school district of the first class A shall be appointed to the Board of Public Education of the reorganized district and following the expiration of the term of the director so appointed, the appointment of directors shall be without regard to this limitation.

Section 3. Section 403 of the act is amended to read:

Section 403. Districts First Class and First Class A Permanent Organization; Election of Officers.—In all school districts of the first class or first class A, the school directors shall effect a permanent organiza-

tion by electing a president and vice-president from their members, and a secretary who is not a member. They shall elect the treasurer of the city constituting all or the greater part of such school district of the first class or first class A as the school treasurer for such school district for the ensuing fiscal year.

The school treasurer of each school district of the first class or first class A may recommend to the board of public education for appointment, a deputy school treasurer. The board of public education shall appoint as deputy school treasurer the candidate recommended by the school treasurer, who, in case of death, resignation, or inability of the school treasurer to act, for any cause whatsoever, shall have the same powers and shall perform the same duties as imposed by law on the school treasurer. In case the school treasurer does not recommend to the board of public education for appointment a deputy school treasurer, the board of public education may elect a deputy school treasurer who shall serve until such time as the school treasurer recommends to the board of public education the appointment of a deputy school treasurer. The salary of the deputy school treasurer shall be fixed by the board of public education. He shall furnish bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Section 4. Section 603 of the act, amended July 31, 1963 (P. L. 389), is amended to read:

Section 603. Only One Annual Tax Levy.—There shall be but one levy of school taxes made in each school district in each year, which shall be assessed, levied, and collected for all the purposes provided in this act, and shall be uniform throughout the territorial limit of each school district: Provided, That (1) where two or more school districts have voted to become a union school district in accordance with the provisions of this act and prior to the actual creation of the union school district, the school board members by a majority vote of all the members comprising said school boards shall assess and levy a uniform school tax in all of the districts comprising said union school district for general revenue purposes necessary to operate said union school district commencing the first day of July following the vote establishing said union district, and (2) whenever hereafter a school district of the second, third, or fourth class shall be annexed to and merged in, and become a part of a school district of the first class or first class A, or shall be merged into and become a part of a school district of the first class A as a reorganized district under the provisions of Article II,

subdivision (i) of this act, the board of public education of said school district of the first class or first class A shall have power to levy a special school tax on the territory which comprised said annexed and merged school district or on the territory which comprised the school district merged into and becoming a part of a school district of the first class A as a reorganized district, to provide for the expense and maintenance of the schools thereof from the end of the school year of said annexed and merged or merged by force of reorganization school district to the beginning of the next school year in said school district of the first class or first class A, and to provide for and pay the floating indebtedness of said annexed and merged or merged by force of reorganization school district. Said levy shall not exceed one-half of the last previous total annual millage levied by said school district of the first class or first class A.

Section 5. Section 2121 of the act is amended to read:

Section 2121. City Controller to be Elected School Controller; Deputy Controller.—In each school district of the first class or first class A, the board of public education therein shall elect the controller of the city comprising all or the greater part of such district as school controller for said district for and during his term of office as city controller. The school controller of each school district of the first class or first class A may recommend to the board of public education for appointment a deputy school controller. The board of public education shall appoint as deputy school controller the candidate recommended by the school controller, who, in case of death, resignation or inability of the school controller to act for any cause whatsoever, shall have the same powers and shall perform the same duties as imposed by law on the school controller. In case the school controller does not recommend to the board of public education for appointment a deputy school controller, the board of public education may elect a deputy school controller who shall serve until such time as the school controller recommends to the board of public education the appointment of a deputy school controller. The salary of the deputy school controller shall be fixed by the board of public education. He shall furnish bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 2d day of June, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 60

AN ACT

HB 705

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing for the levy and assessment of school taxes and the certification of assessments in school districts of the first class or first class A comprised of more than one municipality.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 655 and 656, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949,"¹ are amended to read:

Section 655. Property Taxable.—In all school districts of the first class or first class A, the school taxes shall be levied and assessed upon the same real estate and property as that upon which the municipal taxes of the municipality or municipalities comprising such school district of the first class or first class A are levied and assessed. All of such real estate and property is hereby made taxable for school purposes in each school district of the first class or first class A.

Section 656. Certification of Assessments.—In order to enable the board of public education to levy the necessary school taxes for each school year, there shall be certified to the board, annually, before the first day of November of each year, by the board or bureau of assessors, board of revision of taxes, or other proper authorities in the municipality or municipalities comprising school districts of the first class or first class A, an estimated statement of the total assessment of all real estate and property taxable for municipal purposes in such municipality or municipalities comprising a school district of the first class or first class A, for the ensuing year. In school districts of the first class or first class

¹ "is" in original.