

extend for a period of more than two (2) years, or who have duly sworn declarations of intent to secure United States citizenship in which case their appointments may extend beyond such two (2) year period, but not for a period to exceed four (4) years and have been approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of October, A. D. 1965.

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No. 314

AN ACT

SB 995

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," further defining first class school supplies and further providing for the purchase thereof.

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

Section 1. Section 805, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended September 19, 1961 (P. L. 1484), is amended to read:

Section 805. Classes of School Supplies; Purchasing Agent.—School supplies shall be divided into two classes. The first class shall include school desks, chairs, furniture, typewriters and [school apparatus] other fixed and movable equipment for cafeterias, kitchens, science rooms, planetaria and gymnasiums. The second class shall include all other supplies, except maps, music, globes, charts, educational films, filmstrips, prepared transparencies and slides, pre-recorded magnetic tapes and disc recordings, and textbooks necessary for school use, not included in the first class. The board of school directors in any district may authorize or appoint the secretary of the board or other executive as purchasing agent for the district, with authority to purchase supplies of either class costing less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

Section 2. Section 806 of the act, amended June 8, 1961 (P. L. 277), is amended to read:

Section 806. Purchase of Supplies of the First Class.—(a) When it is deemed necessary to purchase desks or other supplies of the first class, costing [three hundred dollars (\$300)] seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) or more, the board of school directors in any district shall solicit sealed quotations from two or more firms, manufacturers, or dealers in such supplies. Such quotations shall be opened at a regular or special meeting of the board of school directors. The board shall accept the bid of the lowest responsible bidder when the kinds and quality of supplies and equipment offered are the same or are equal, but they shall have the right to reject any and all bids or select a single item from any bid. Any school district may purchase school furniture and other equipment from another school district without asking for competitive bids.

(b) Any school district may purchase used furniture or equipment at fair market value without asking for competitive bids. Used furniture or equipment, costing [three hundred dollars (\$300)] seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) or more, may be purchased only when fair market value has been determined by an appraisal given, in writing, by three (3) or more persons competent to give appraisal by reason of being a manufacturer, dealer or user of such furniture or equipment. In no instance shall the school district pay more than the average of such appraised values. Necessary costs of securing such appraised values may be paid by the school district. Provided when appraised value is determined to be more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), purchase may be made only after public notice has been given by advertisement once a week for three (3) weeks in not less than two (2) newspapers of general circulation. In any district where no newspaper is published, said notice may, in lieu of such publication, be posted in at least five (5) public places. Such advertisement shall specify the items to be purchased, name the vendor, state the proposed purchase price, and state the time and place of the public meeting at which such proposed purchase shall be considered by the board of school directors.

APPROVED—The 21st day of October, A. D. 1965.

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