

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

Section 1. Section 2001, act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), known as "The Third Class City Code," reenacted and amended June 28, 1951 (P. L. 662), is amended to read:

Section 2001. Appointment, Number, Rank, Compensation and Qualifications of Policemen.—The council shall fix, by ordinance, the number, grades and compensation of the members of the city police force, who shall be appointed in accordance with the civil service provisions of this act. No policeman shall, after his appointment and qualification, hold at the same time the office of constable. Council shall prescribe all necessary rules and regulations for the organization and government of the police force. The minimum annual starting salary or compensation to be paid the members of the police force by any city shall be four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500), with minimum annual increments of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the first three years of such employment. If the annual salary or compensation of any policeman employed by the city on the effective date of this amending act is less than four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500), such salary or compensation shall be increased to four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500), and such policeman shall receive minimum annual increments of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the next three years of such employment.

APPROVED—The 1st day of December, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 374

AN ACT

HB 1665

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," increasing the debt limit of school districts of the first and first class A.

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

Section 1. The second paragraph of section 631, the first paragraph of section 632 and sections 637 and 666, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L.

30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended February 28, 1961 (P. L. 57), are amended to read:

Section 631. Power to Incur Debt; Limitations.—* * *

[In school districts of the first class A, the indebtedness of any such district shall never exceed two (2) per centum of the last assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein.] In school districts of the first class and first class A, the indebtedness of any such district shall never exceed [three (3)] five (5) per centum of the last assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein.

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Section 632. Assent of Electors; When Necessary and When Not Necessary.—The assent of the electors shall be required in all school districts of the second, third and fourth class, to issue bonds which will incur any new debt or increase the indebtedness to an amount in excess of two (2) per centum of the assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein. The indebtedness of any such school district shall never exceed seven (7) per centum of the last assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein. The assent of the electors shall be required in school districts of the first class and first class A to issue bonds which will incur any new debt or increase the indebtedness to an amount in excess of two (2) per centum of the assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein. The indebtedness of any school district of the first class and first class A shall never exceed [three (3)] five (5) per centum of the last assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein. The board of school directors of any school district of the first, first class A, second, third, or fourth class shall have authority, without the assent of the electors, to issue bonds which will incur upon its own authority any amount of such indebtedness not in excess of two (2) per centum of the last assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein.

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Section 637. Limit on Temporary Debt for Permanent Improvements, etc.; Tax Levy.—The total amount of temporary indebtedness incurred in any school district for the purpose of permanent improvements and the acquiring of school buses shall, at no time, in school districts of the first and second class, exceed one-half of one per centum ¹(1/2) of the last assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein, and in school districts of the third and fourth class, two

¹ Figure "%" in original.

per centum ¹(2) of such assessed valuation: Provided, That the total indebtedness [in any school district of the first class A except obligations incurred under the provisions of section six hundred forty (640) of this act, shall never exceed two per centum ¹(2) of the last assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein, and] in any school district of the first class and first class A, except obligations incurred under the provisions of section six hundred forty (640) of this act, shall never exceed [three (3)] five (5) per centum of the last assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes therein, and in school districts of the second, third and fourth class shall not exceed seven per centum ¹(7) of such assessed valuation. Except where such temporary indebtedness is to be refunded by the issue of bonds, as hereinbefore authorized, at or before the time of incurring such indebtedness for such purpose, provision shall be made for the collection of an annual tax, sufficient to pay the interest and also the principal thereof within the term of such indebtedness, as provided by law.

Section 666. Limit of Indebtedness.—The total indebtedness incurred or created [by any school district of the first class A, including any indebtedness assumed by it on or before the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven, shall not exceed two (2) per centum upon the total assessed value of the taxable property in such school district, and] in any school district of the first class and first class A, including any indebtedness assumed by it on or before the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven, shall not exceed [three (3)] five (5) per centum upon the total assessed value of the taxable property in such school district.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 1st day of December, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 375

AN ACT

HB 1675

Amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P. L. 1242), entitled "An act relating to roads, streets, highways and bridges; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws administered by the Secretary of Highways and by the Department of Highways relating thereto," authorizing certain cities to enter into certain contracts with the State for the construction of highways, bridges and the taking, opening, relocation, widening and change of grade of State highways within such cities.

¹ Figure "%" in original.