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No. 489

AN ACT

Relating to vocational education; creating vocational school districts for the purpose of conducting systems of vocational schools, departments or classes; providing for their government; prescribing their powers and duties; conferring powers and imposing duties on school districts and on the State Board for Vocational Education; and providing for referendum in certain cases.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That each school district of this Commonwealth is hereby constituted a separate political subdivision to be known as a vocational school district, for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter specified: Provided, however, That all of the school districts in each county that are under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent shall together constitute one vocational school district. Vocational school district.

Section 2. Each vocational school district having a population of five hundred thousand (500,000) or more shall be a vocational school district of the first class. First class.

Each vocational school district having a population of thirty thousand (30,000) or more but less than five hundred thousand (500,000) shall be a vocational school district of the second class. Second class.

Each vocational school district having a population of five thousand (5,000) or more but less than thirty thousand (30,000) shall be a vocational school district of the third class. Third class.

Each vocational school district having a population of less than five thousand (5,000) shall be a vocational school district of the fourth class. Fourth class.

Section 3. The affairs of each vocational school district shall be conducted by the board of school directors or by the county board of school directors, as the case may be, created by the school laws of this Commonwealth, who shall when so acting be known as boards of directors of vocational schools. The secretary and the treasurer elected by the board of school directors or by the county board of school directors, as the case may be, shall serve as secretary and as treasurer respectively of the vocational school district. Board of school directors.

Section 4. Subject to the applicable provisions of the school laws of this Commonwealth, each board of

directors of vocational schools shall have power and its duty shall be—

Powers and duties.

(a) To make or cause to be made a survey to determine the vocational education needs of the vocational school district.

(b) To make and establish, and, from time to time, alter and amend rules and regulations for the transaction of its business and for the administration of the work under its charge.

(c) To employ supervisors, and teachers, and all other persons necessary to carry on vocational education, and to determine the salaries to be paid.

(d) To purchase, lease, rent, improve or sell land, and to build, repair, improve, lease, rent, buy and sell buildings.

(e) To acquire real property by condemnation for the purposes of vocational school district. Such condemnation proceedings shall be instituted and conducted by the board in the name of the district in the same manner as provided by law in the case of school districts.

(f) To incur and increase indebtedness and to issue its bonds or other evidences of indebtedness therefor.

(g) To purchase all necessary furniture, implements, books, materials, equipment and supplies.

(h) To make contracts with counties, cities, boroughs, towns, townships, and school districts or other agencies for carrying out the purposes of this act.

(i) To make an annual report in writing to the Department of Public Instruction, and such other reports as the department may require.

(j) Such other powers and duties as are necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this act.

Limitation of power.

Section 5. The powers and duties of vocational school districts shall be limited to the establishment, maintenance, conducting, and operation of vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, vocational home-making, and vocational distributive occupational schools, departments, and classes when, and only when, the same have been authorized by the electors of the district as hereinafter provided. In carrying out these functions (except as otherwise expressly provided by law) all vocational school districts, all boards of directors of vocational schools, and all vocational, public schools, departments and classes established under the provisions of this act, shall be subject to all the provisions of the public school laws of this Commonwealth which apply generally to school districts of the particular class, to boards of directors thereof, and to public secondary schools and vocational schools and the teaching and supervisory staffs thereof.

Section 6. The board of directors of vocational

schools of each vocational school district shall have power, if and when necessary, to levy an annual tax on all property within the district taxable for school purposes and on the valuation used for county tax purposes. The board of directors shall have power to prepare duplicates of such taxes by municipal districts, and provide for the collection of such taxes by issuing warrants to the respective collectors of taxes in each city, borough, incorporated town, and township within the districts. The compensation for the collection of such taxes shall be fixed by the board of directors. In the collection of such taxes the respective tax collectors shall have all the powers of collectors of county taxes. If any municipal collector of taxes shall refuse or neglect to collect such district taxes, or, for fifteen days after notice so to do, neglect or refuse to furnish a bond as herein provided, the board of directors shall have power to appoint a tax collector for such district. Each tax collector shall give a separate bond annually to the Commonwealth, for the use of said district, in such amount as the board of directors may fix. The said discounts for prompt payment and the same penalties for delinquency shall apply to such taxes as in the case of county taxes, and exonerations of district taxes may be allowed by the directors thereof in the same manner as other taxes are now exonerated. Delinquent taxes of the district may be collected by return and county treasurer's sale thereon or by lien filed in the office of the prothonotary, in the same manner as county taxes.

Tax.

Tax collectors.

Bond.

Discounts, penalties and exonerations.

Sale for delinquent taxes.

The Commonwealth shall reimburse the vocational school districts herein established in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided by existing law for salaries of teachers, transportation and tuition of pupils, and any other reimbursements to which school districts are now or shall hereafter be entitled.

Reimbursement by Commonwealth.

Section 7. Whenever it shall have been determined by resolution of the State Board for Vocational Education, that a need exists in any vocational school district or districts for vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, vocational home-making or vocational distributive occupational public schools, departments or classes, the State Board for Vocational Education shall transmit a copy of such resolution to the board or boards of directors of vocational schools of such district or districts.

State Board for Vocational Education advises board of directors of vocational school district of need.

Section 8. Each board of directors of vocational schools, receiving a copy of such resolution, shall vote on the question whether vocational schools should be established in their district or jointly with another vocational school district or districts or another school district or districts in accordance with the recommenda-

Action thereon.

tion contained in said resolution of the State Board for Vocational Education. In case the board of directors of vocational schools shall by a majority vote favor the establishment in their district of vocational schools, the question as to their establishment shall be submitted to a vote of the electors as hereinafter provided.

Vote of electors.

Section 9. Whenever electors, equal to at least ten per centum of the highest vote cast for any office in the territory comprised within any vocational school district at the last preceding general election, shall petition the board of directors of vocational schools of such district for a referendum on the question of the establishment of vocational schools, or whenever the board of directors shall have voted in favor of the same as hereinbefore provided, the board of directors shall cause a question to be submitted at the general or municipal election occurring at least sixty days thereafter, by certifying a resolution duly adopted to the county commissioners for submission of such question on the ballot or on voting machines at such election, in the manner provided by the election laws of the Commonwealth.

Referendum

Such question shall be in the following form:

Form of question.

Do you favor the establishment of vocational schools in the vocational school district of _____ ?	Yes	
	No	

Majority vote.

If a majority of the persons voting on such question vote "Yes," then vocational schools shall be forthwith established and maintained in such vocational school district as provided by law.

Two or more districts may act jointly.

Section 10. The board of directors of vocational schools in any two or more vocational school districts that have voted in favor of the establishment of vocational schools, or any one or more vocational school districts having so voted, and any one or more school districts may establish, construct, equip, furnish, and maintain joint public vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, vocational home-making, or vocational distributive occupational schools, departments or classes. The cost of establishing, constructing, equipping, furnishing, and maintaining such joint schools, departments or classes shall be paid by the several districts establishing the same, in such manner and in such proportion as they may agree upon. All vocational schools, departments or classes so established and maintained shall be governed and controlled as other joint public schools and departments are governed and controlled under the laws of this Commonwealth.

Mode of government of joint schools, etc.

Section 11. The State Board for Vocational Education shall prescribe rules and regulations for the organization, management, and control of such schools. The boards of directors of vocational schools maintaining any such schools shall receive pupils from other districts so far as their facilities will permit, provided the rate of tuition is determined and paid in accordance with the provisions of the school law.

Rules and regulations.

Section 12. The provisions of this act shall be severable, and if any of the provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this act. It is hereby declared as the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provision not been included therein.

Constitutional provisions.

Section 13. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 14. The provisions of this act do not repeal or in anywise affect any of the provisions of the existing laws of this Commonwealth providing for the establishment, maintenance, conduct or operation of vocational schools, departments or classes by school districts or unions of school districts.

Other laws not affected by this act.

Section 15. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

When effective.

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AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Forests and Waters, to convey to the Pennsylvania State College, subject to certain reservations and conditions, the Mont Alto State Forest School, and to accept a conveyance from said college of a tree nursery tract.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Secretary of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Forests and Waters, shall have power to convey in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Pennsylvania State College for forest school purposes, subject to certain reservations and conditions, the property of the State Forest School, comprising 37.7 acres more or less, located partly in the Borough of Mont Alto and the Township of Quincey, in Franklin County, together with the buildings and improvements thereon erected; and to accept a conveyance, from the Trustees of the Pennsylvania State College to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of the tree

Conveyance.