

to be traveled, whether that route be by highways, railroads, or *otherwise: Provided, That in no case shall more mileage be demanded or received than for the miles actually traveled.

For services not herein specially provided for the same fee may be charged and received as for similar services.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 180

AN ACT

To amend sections 1704, 1705 and 1707 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," by further providing for voting by boards of school directors establishing and maintaining joint schools or departments; methods of adopting budget and employing teachers; and for voting by joint school committees and the effect of failure to comply.

"Public School Code of 1949."

Sections 1704 and 1705, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended.

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

Section 1. Sections 1704 and 1705 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1704. Joint Authority of Boards; Title to Property.—*The affairs of joint schools or departments shall be supervised and directed (1) jointly by the several boards of school directors, establishing and maintaining such joint schools or departments, or (2) by a joint school committee, as provided in section one thousand seven hundred seven of this act. When there is no joint school committee, the several boards of school directors are hereby authorized to meet jointly, and exercise the same power and authority over the same as the several boards exercise over the schools in their respective districts. Whatever matter is required by law to be decided by a vote of the majority of all the directors of a school district shall in a joint school or department [also] be required to be decided by a [majority] vote of two-thirds of all the [directors in each district] constituent boards comprising said joint operation. The vote*

* "otherwise" in original.

of any constituent board shall be determined by a majority vote of all the school directors comprising such constituent board. In addition thereto, the matter shall have been voted for by a majority of all the school directors of all of the constituent boards. The title to any real estate, acquired for the purpose of establishing any such joint school or department, shall be held in the name of one or more of the district establishing the same, as they may agree.

Section 1705. [Teachers] Treasurer; *Budget*.—The several boards of school directors of the school districts establishing such joint school or department shall meet in joint session at least once a year, for the purpose of [employing the necessary teacher or teachers for such joint school or department, and fixing their salaries] *adopting the annual school budget*. At such joint session they shall elect, from the treasurers of their respective districts, one who shall act as the treasurer of such joint school or department, to whom shall be paid, by the several districts establishing such joint school or department, the amount agreed upon to be contributed by each district for the support of such joint school or department. They shall fix the salary of the treasurer of such joint school or department annually, at an amount not exceeding two per centum of the funds passing through his hands.

Section 2. Section 1707 of said act, as last amended by the act, approved the fourteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 437), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 1707. *Joint School Committee*.—The boards of school directors, establishing any joint school or department, may supervise and direct its affairs, jointly, in the same manner as the affairs of individual [and] school districts are managed; or they may agree that the affairs of such joint school or department may be managed by a joint school committee within the limits of the budget adopted by the joint board. Where such management is delegated to a joint school committee, every school board establishing joint schools or departments shall, at the annual meeting, select one or more of its members who, with the members chosen in like manner in the other districts, shall constitute the joint school committee. This committee shall have all the powers and duties and be subject to all the liabilities with reference to the supervision, maintenance and regulation of such joint schools or departments as are now conferred or imposed by law upon school boards generally. *The affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of this committee, duly recorded, showing how each member voted, shall be required in order to take action upon*

Section 1707,
said act, as last
amended by act
of April 14, 1949,
P. L. 437,
further amended.

those subjects enumerated in section five hundred eight of this act. Failure to comply with the provisions of this act shall render void and unenforceable the acts of the joint school committee with reference thereto. The joint board and the joint school committee, if authorized, shall organize annually by electing a president and secretary, and the expenses of maintaining the joint school or department shall be paid by warrant drawn on the joint board treasurer by the president and secretary of the joint board or the joint school committee.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE.

No. 181

AN ACT

To amend section 8 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred seven (Pamphlet Laws 135), entitled "An act relating to the appointment of stenographers and assistant stenographers to report proceedings in the several courts of common pleas, and orphans' courts, courts of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery, and courts of quarter sessions of the peace, of this Commonwealth, as well as before commissioners, masters, and special masters in chancery, referees, examiners, auditors, and other officers; prescribing their powers and duties, and when such reports shall be evidence of the facts reported; prescribing their compensation and allowances for expenses, when the same shall be paid by the county wherein such stenographers or assistant stenographers are employed, and when by the parties to such proceedings; and repealing an act, entitled 'An act directing the appointment of official stenographers in the several civil courts of this Commonwealth; authorizing the appointment of stenographers by examiners, masters, referees, commissioners, and auditors; authorizing the appointment of assistant stenographers; repealing 'An act to authorize the appointment of stenographers in the several courts of this Commonwealth, prescribing their duties and fixing their compensation,' approved May fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four; repealing 'An act to authorize the appointment of stenographers in the several courts of this Commonwealth, prescribing their duties and fixing their compensation,' approved May eighth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and repealing 'An act defining the duty of court stenographers in the several counties in this State,' approved June tenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one,' approved the twenty-fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven; but such repeal not to revive any law repealed by the said act of twenty-fourth of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven," by increasing the compensation of official stenographers for copies of stenographic notes.

Official court
stenographers.

Section 8, act of
May 1, 1907,
P. L. 135,
amended.

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

Section 1. Section 8 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred seven (Pamphlet Laws 135), entitled "An act relating to the appointment