

No. 221

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 29, 1931 (P. L. 280), entitled "An act relating to delinquent taxes on seated lands, and prescribing interest charges on nonpayment thereof; requiring the receivers and collectors of county, city, borough, town, township, school district and poor district taxes to make a return to the county commissioners of such unpaid taxes, and providing for the lien thereof; authorizing the county treasurers to collect such taxes, and to sell seated lands at public sale for taxes heretofore or hereafter returned as unpaid; and authorizing the county commissioners to purchase such lands and resell the same under certain circumstances," further clarifying the effect of failure to receive written notice of sale in cases where such notices were mailed as provided by the act.

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

Section 1. Section 7, act of May 29, 1931 (P. L. 280), entitled "An act relating to delinquent taxes on seated lands, and prescribing interest charges on nonpayment thereof; requiring the receivers and collectors of county, city, borough, town, township, school district and poor district taxes to make a return to the county commissioners of such unpaid taxes, and providing for the lien thereof; authorizing the county treasurers to collect such taxes, and to sell seated lands at public sale for taxes heretofore or hereafter returned as unpaid; and authorizing the county commissioners to purchase such lands and resell the same under certain circumstances," amended May 6, 1955 (P. L. 46), is amended to read:

Section 7. The county treasurer shall advertise the fact of holding such sale, once a week for the three successive weeks prior to the holding of such sale, in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the county in which such seated land is located, if there be two newspapers so published; if there be only one, then in such newspaper so published in the county.

Such advertisement shall set forth:

- (a) The purpose of such sale.
- (b) The time of such sale.
- (c) The place of such sale.
- (d) The terms of such sale.
- (e) A list of the seated lands affected and their location, and the owner or reputed owner of each.
- (f) Amount of taxes and interest.

In addition to such advertisement, at least ten days before any such sale, written notice thereof shall be served by the county treasurer, by registered mail, upon the owner of such land, and if the whereabouts of the owner is unknown, such notice shall be served by regis-

Delinquent taxes on seated lands.

Section 7, act of May 29, 1931, P. L. 280, amended May 6, 1955, P. L. 46, further amended.

Advertisement of sale.

Notice.

Service.

Posting.

tered mail upon the terre tenant, if any. If such notice cannot be served in said manner on the owner or terre tenant, then such notice shall be served by the county treasurer by posting the same in the courthouse and at a conspicuous place on the premises. [No] *If notice was mailed as herein required, no such sale shall be prejudiced or defeated and no title to property sold at such sale shall be invalidated by proof that such written notice was not received by the owner or terre tenant as herein provided.*

Costs.

The cost of such advertisements, notices and the service thereof shall be taxed as part of the cost of such proceedings and shall be paid the same as the other costs.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 222

AN ACT

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," extending provisions for enforcement of duties of school directors to joint school situations, extending the area in which school directors may attend meetings, providing for attendance of school directors at national school boards conventions.

Public School
Code of 1949.

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

Sections 318 and
319, act of
March 10, 1949,
P. L. 30,
amended.

Section 1. Sections 318 and 319, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," are amended to read:

Section 318. Removal for Failure to Organize or Neglect of Duty.—If the board of school directors in any district [shall] (1) fail to organize as hereafter provided, or (2) refuse or neglect to perform any duty imposed upon it by the provisions of this act relating to school districts, or (3) *being a party to a joint board agreement refuse or neglect to perform any duty imposed upon it by the provisions of this act relating to joint boards or by the joint board agreement*, any ten resident taxpayers in the district may present their petition in writing, verified by the oath or affirmation of at least three of them, to the court of common pleas of the county in which such district, or the largest part in area of it, is located, setting forth the facts of such refusal or neglect of duty on the part of such school directors. The court shall grant a rule upon the school directors, returnable in not less than ten or more than twenty days