

## No. 355

## AN ACT

Amending the act of June 25, 1941 (P. L. 159), entitled "An act amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating to the borrowing of money by certain political subdivisions, the authorization, issuance and sale of general obligation bonds as herein defined, of bonds imposing no general obligation of debt and of bonds not deemed to constitute a debt for certain purposes, and to the funding of debt and the refunding of bonds; regulating the keeping and use of sinking funds; imposing powers and duties upon the Department of Internal Affairs and upon corporate bodies and officers of political subdivisions; imposing penalties, and repealing existing laws," increasing the debt limit of school districts when the State Constitution is amended to permit such increase.

**Municipal Borrowing Law.**

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

**Section 201, act of June 25, 1941, P. L. 159, amended.**

Section 1. Section 201, act of June 25, 1941 (P. L. 159), known as the "Municipal Borrowing Law," is amended to read:

Section 201. Limitation on Municipal Debt.—Whenever the net debt of any municipality shall be equal to ten per centum, in the case of municipalities authorized by the provisions of section fifteen, article nine of the Constitution to incur debt to said amount, and seven per centum, in the case of all other municipalities (*except school districts of the second, third and fourth class which shall be limited to fifteen per centum, and except school districts of the first class and first class A which shall be limited to [two] five per centum*), of the assessed valuation, it shall be unlawful to increase the same by borrowing money (except in the case of issuing evidences of debt in anticipation of current revenues), and any such increase shall be void, and any general obligation bonds issued to evidence such increase of debt shall be of no binding force upon such municipality. Each of the officers thereof wilfully authorizing such increase or executing any general obligation bond therefor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

**Subsections (a) and (b), section 203, act of June 25, 1941, P. L. 159, amended.**

Section 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 203, act of June 25, 1941 (P. L. 159), is amended to read:

Section 203. Increase of Debt by Issuance of General Obligation Bonds by Corporate Authorities and with the Assent of Electors.—(a) Any municipality may incur debt or increase its debt by the issue of general obligation bonds by vote of the corporate authorities thereof without the assent of the electors to an

amount in the aggregate not exceeding two per centum, *except school districts which shall not exceed five per centum*, of the assessed valuation.

(b) The debt of any municipality except a school district of the first class may be authorized to be increased by the corporate authorities thereof by the issue of general obligation bonds, with the assent of a majority of the electors thereof voting on the question submitted at a public election to be held in the municipality, to an amount not exceeding seven per centum, *except school districts which shall never exceed fifteen per centum*, of the assessed valuation.

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Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become applicable only when article nine, section eight of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is amended to permit the increase of the debt limit of school districts.

Time of applicability.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 11th day of September, A. D. 1959.

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No. 356

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," authorizing expenditures for aviation training.

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

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Section 1. Section 1208, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," reenacted and amended May 21, 1943 (P. L. 443), is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read:

Section 1208, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, reenacted and amended May 21, 1943, P. L. 443, amended by adding a new clause (g).

Section 1208. Pennsylvania Aeronautics Commission.—The Pennsylvania Aeronautics Commission shall