

the United States of America and to the State of Pennsylvania, that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whatsoever, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of Pennsylvania and the orders of the officers appointed over me according to law and regulations."

*Provided, however, That the Adjutant General, with the approval of the Governor, may, upon request by appropriate Federal authority, extend the term of enlistment contracted for by a term not exceeding twelve months.*

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 545

### 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," eliminating residence requirements for board secretaries.

Public School Code of 1949.

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

Section 404, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended August 9, 1955, P. L. 320, further amended.

Section 1. Section 404, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended August 9, 1955 (P. L. 320), is amended to read:

Section 404. Districts Second, Third and Fourth Class Permanent Organization; Election of Officers.— In each school district of the second, third and fourth class, the school directors shall effect a permanent organization by electing, on the first Monday of December, from their members, a president and vice-president, each to serve for one year, and shall annually, during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one year, beginning the first Monday in July following such election, and shall, during the month of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, and every four years thereafter, elect a secretary for a term of four years, beginning the first Monday of July following such election. [The secretary shall, at the time of his election and during his term of office, be a resident of the district.] The treasurer may be any corporation duly qualified and legally authorized to transact a fiduciary business in the Commonwealth. Vacancies in the office of secre-

tary shall be filled for the unexpired term. In school districts of the second class the secretary and treasurer shall not be members of the board. In districts of the third and fourth class they may be members of the board. The same person shall not hold at the same time more than one of the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer of any board of school directors.

No superintendent, assistant superintendent, supervising principal, or teacher shall serve, either temporarily or permanently, as an officer of the school board by which he is employed.

APPROVED—The 12th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 546

### 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," defining and providing for special education of exceptional children.

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

Public School  
Code of 1949.

Section 1. The heading of subdivision (f) of Article XIII., act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended to read:

Heading,  
subdivision (f),  
Article XIII.,  
act of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
amended.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### PUPILS AND ATTENDANCE.

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(f) [Mentally or Physically Handicapped]  
*Exceptional Children.*

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Section 2. Section 1371 of the act, amended March 29, 1956 (P. L. 1356), is amended to read:

Section 1371 of  
the act, amended  
March 29, 1956,  
P. L. 1356,  
further amended.

Section 1371. *Definition of Exceptional Children; Reports; Examination.—(1) The term "exceptional children" shall mean children of school age who deviate from the average in physical, mental, emotional or social characteristics to such an extent that they require special educational facilities or services.*

(2) It shall be the duty of the secretary of the school board, in every school district of the second, third and fourth class, in accordance with rules of procedure pre-