SUPPLEMENT TO PHILADELPHIA HOME RULE CHARTER

APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 18, 1965

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This is to certify the following is a true and correct copy of Charter provisions approved by the qualified electors, pursuant to the First Class City Public Education Home Rule Act, Act No. 341, approved August 9, 1963, at a Special Election held pursuant to that Act on May 18, 1965.

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Educational Home Rule Charter Commission SUPPLEMENT

to the

PHILADELPHIA HOME RULE CHARTER

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter was prepared and adopted pursuant to the Act of April 21, 1949, P. L. 665, which, in Section 18, Subsection (a) (6), specifically provided that no city should exercise powers contrary to or in limitation or enlargement of powers granted by acts of the General Assembly which are applicable to a class or classes of cities "regulating public schools," and

WHEREAS, by the Act of August 9, 1963, P. L. 643, the General Assembly eliminated the restriction forbidding a Home Rule Charter to contain provisions regulating public schools and permitted any city of the first class to add to an existing Home Rule Charter sections in exercise of the powers enumerated in Section 18, Subsection (a) of the Act of 1963.

NOW THEREFORE, the electors of the City of Philadelphia hereby approve the addition of the following sections to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter:

Article XII PUBLIC EDUCATION

Chapter 1 THE HOME RULE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Section 12-100. The Home Rule School District.

A separate and independent home rule school district is hereby established and created to be known as "The School District of Philadelphia."

Section 12-101. The New District to Take Over All Assets and Assume All Liabilities of the Predecessor School District.

The home rule school district shall

(a) succeed directly the now existing school district for all purposes, including, but not limited to, receipt of all grants, gifts, appropriations, subsidies or other payments;

(b) take over from the now existing school district all assets, property, real and personal, tangible and intangible, all easements and all evidences of ownership in part or in whole, and all records, and other evidences pertaining thereto; and

(c) assume all debt and other contractual obligations of the now existing school district, any long term debt to be issued, secured and retired in the manner now provided by law.

Chapter 2 THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Section 12-200. The Board Created; Its Function.

There shall be a Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia which shall be charged with the administration, management and operation of the home rule school district.

Section 12-201. Members of the Board; Method of Selection.

There shall be nine members of the Board of Education who shall be appointed by the Mayor from lists of names submitted to him by the Educational Nominating Panel, or, if enabling legislation is enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, elected on a non-partisan basis by the qualified voters of the city, all as more fully set forth in later sections of this Chapter.

Section 12-202. Eligibility for Board Membership.

Members of the Board of Education shall be registered voters of the City. No person shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to more than two full six-year terms.

Section 12-203. Terms of Board Members.

The terms of members of the Board of Education shall begin on the first Monday in December and shall be six years except that (1) of the first members of the Board appointed and if later there be an elective Board, of the first members elected, three shall be appointed or elected for terms of two years, three for terms of four years, and three for terms of six years, and (2) if the General Assembly enacts legislation permitting the election of members of the Board on a non-partisan basis, the terms of all appointed members shall expire on the first Monday of December immediately following the municipal election at which the first elective Board is elected.

Section 12-204. Removal of Members of the Board.

Members of the Board of Education may be removed as provided by law.

Section 12-205. Vacancies on the Board.

A vacancy in the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner in which the member was selected who died or resigned. If a member of the Board is removed from office, the resulting vacancy shall be filled as provided by law.

Section 12-206. Educational Nominating Panel; Method of Selection.

(a) The Mayor shall appoint an Educational Nominating Panel consisting of thirteen (13) members. Members of the Panel shall be registered voters of the City and shall serve for terms of two years from the dates of their appointment.

(b) Nine members of the Educational Nominating Panel shall be the highest ranking officers of City-wide organizations or institutions which are, respectively:

- (1) a labor union council or other organization of unions of workers and employes organized and operated for the benefit of such workers and employes,
- (2) a council, chamber, or other organization established for the purpose of general improvement and benefit of commerce and industry,
- (3) a public school parent-teachers association,
- (4) a community organization of citizens established for the purpose of improvement of public education,
- (5) a federation, council, or other organization of non-partisan neighborhood or community associations,
- (6) a league, association, or other organization established for the purpose of improvement of human and inter-group relations,

- (7) a non-partisan committee, league, council, or other organization established for the purpose of improvement of governmental, political, social, or economic conditions,
- (8) a degree-granting institution of higher education whose principal educational facilities are located within Philadelphia, and
- (9) a council, association, or other organization dedicated to community planning of health and welfare services or of the physical resources and environment of the City.

(c) In order to represent adequately the entire community, the four other members of the Educational Nominating Panel shall be appointed by the Mayor from the citizenry at large.

(d) In the event no organization as described in one of the clauses (1) through (9) of subsection (b) exists within the City, or in the event there is no such organization any one of whose officers is a registered voter of the City, the Mayor shall appoint the highest ranking officer who is a registered voter of the City from another organization or institution which qualifies under another clause of the subsection.

(e) A vacancy in the office of member of the Educational Nominating Panel shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner in which the member was selected who died, resigned, or was removed.

(f) The Educational Nominating Panel shall elect its own officers and adopt rules of procedure.

Section 12-207. The Educational Nominating Panel; Duties and Procedure.

(a) The Mayor shall appoint and convene the Educational Nominating Panel (1) not later than May twenty-fifth of every odd-numbered year, and (2) whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board of Education.

(b) The Panel shall within forty (40) days submit to the Mayor three names of qualified persons for every place on the Board of Education which is to be filled. If the Mayor wishes an additional list of names, he shall so notify the Panel within twenty (20) days. Thereupon the Panel shall within thirty (30) days send to the Mayor an additional list of three qualified persons for each place to be filled. The Mayor shall within twenty (20) days make an appointment or, as provided in the following subsection, certify a nomination from either list for each place to be filled.

(c) If the General Assembly of the Commonwealth shall have previously enacted enabling legislation permitting members of the Board of Education to be elected on a non-partisan basis, not later than September fifteenth of the odd-numbered year in which the legislation was enacted or the ensuing odd-numbered year, the Mayor shall select nine names from either one or two lists of 27 names submitted by the Educational Nominating Panel according to the procedure set forth in subsection (b) and shall certify those nine names to the county board of elections as his nominations for members of the Board of Education. In certifying the names of his nominees to the county board of elections the Mayor shall designate three of his nominees as candidates for terms of two years, three for terms of four years and three for terms of six years. The ballots or ballot labels shall not contain any party designation for any of the candidates nominated by the Mayor, and under each name there will be a space permitting the voter to write in the name of any other person. In every instance the Mayor's candidate will be elected if, but only if, he receives more votes than any other candidate whose name is written in. In every subsequent odd-numbered year, three members of the Board shall be nominated by the Mayor from names submitted to him by the Educational Nominating Panel and elected in the same manner provided by this subsection, and whenever a vacancy occurs the procedure for filling it shall be similar whether the vacancy be filled at a special election proclaimed by the Mayor or at a municipal election.

(d) The Educational Nominating Panel shall invite business, civic, professional, labor, and other organizations, as well as individuals, situated or resident within the City to submit for consideration by the Panel the names of persons qualified to serve as members of the Board of Education.

(e) Nothing herein provided shall preclude the Panel from recommending and the Mayor from appointing or nominating persons who have previously served on any board of public education other than the Board of Education created by these charter provisions.

Section 12-208. Officers of the Board of Education; Their Duties.

(a) The officers of the Board of Education shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Superintendent of Schools who shall be Secretary and Treasurer of the Board and such other officers as the Board may from time to time determine and who shall have such duties as the Board shall prescribe.

(b) The Superintendent of Schools shall attend all meetings of the Board, and may attend all meetings of any Board committees, except those concerned with his own salary, benefits, or tenure. The Superintendent shall have the right to advise on any question or matter under consideration but shall have no right to vote.

(c) As Secretary and Treasurer of the Board the Superintendent shall perform such duties pertaining to the business of the District as are required by law or as the Board may direct.

Section 12-209. Organization and Procedures.

(a) The Board of Education shall hold an annual organization meeting on the first Monday of December and shall by a majority vote of all its members elect a President and a Vice-President from among its members.

(b) The Board shall hold public meetings not less often than once every two months during the school year. All meetings of the Board shall be public except when the President, in his discretion, or two-thirds of the members of the Board on a roll-call vote, shall order an executive session.

(c) A majority of all the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No action of the Board shall be binding unless a majority of the members present at a public meeting shall be recorded as voting in its favor, except as otherwise provided in this Article or by law.

(d) The Board may adopt rules for its government as provided in the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to which this Article is a Supplement.

Section 12-210. School Auditors.

(a) The Board of Education shall appoint the City Controller of the City as School Auditor for the purpose of conducting an annual post-audit of the finances of every department of the District, and of all persons handling the funds of the District, including the accounts of the receiver of school taxes, the Treasurer of the Board, school depositories, teachers' retirement funds, directors' association funds, sinking funds, and all other funds belonging to or controlled by the District. At the end of each fiscal year after conducting such audit the School Auditor shall certify to the Board that he has audited these accounts and report to the Board the result of such audit. A summary of the annual audit shall be published by the Board once a week for three successive weeks, beginning the first week after the audit has been furnished to the Board, in two newspapers of general circulation printed in the City. In addition to such publication, the Board shall make available to the public a reasonable number of copies of the complete audit report and shall, in its publication of the summary, state where copies may be obtained or inspected.

(b) The Board shall have the power to retain a competent and responsible firm of certified public accountants to conduct an objective and independent audit of the finances of the School District and to review the audit reports of the School Auditor, and to report the results of such audit to the Board. The Board shall cause such report to be published in the same manner as the annual audit report of the School Auditor is required to be published.

Chapter 3

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; POWERS AND DUTIES

Section 12-300. General Powers.

To enable it to administer, manage, and operate the School District of Philadelphia, the Board of Education shall have the powers and duties enumerated herein and any other powers and duties, not inconsistent with law, which are necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred upon it in this Article. The Board shall succeed to, and shall possess all the powers, rights, and privileges, not inconsistent with law, formerly possessed by the Board of Public Education of Philadelphia.

Section 12-301. Appointment, Compensation and Term of the Superintendent of Schools.

The Board of Education shall, by majority vote of all its members, elect and fix the compensation of the Superintendent of Schools, whose term shall be not more than six years, renewable at the discretion of the Board.

Section 12-302. Fiscal Year.

The Board of Education shall adopt a date for the beginning of each fiscal year appropriate to the requirements of the District and shall adopt a fiscal calendar consistent with such fiscal year and with all public notice and other timing requirements of this Article and state law. Any change in fiscal year shall be made only after public notice and public hearing on the proposed change. Not less than ninety (90) days prior to any proposed change in fiscal year. the Board shall publish, by advertisement at least once in two newspapers of general circulation printed in the City, notice of such proposed change; such advertisement shall include notice of public hearing scheduled for not less than sixty (60) days before such change is to become effective.

Section 12-303. Annual Operating Budget and Annual Revenue Estimate. (a) The Board of Education shall, at least thirty (30) days before the end of the fiscal year, adopt by majority vote of all its members an operating budget setting forth in lump sum amounts the proposed expenditures of the Board during the next fiscal year as to each principal administrative unit of the District, according to such classes of expenditures as the Board may determine, and the estimated receipts of the Board during the next fiscal year, including approximate estimates of proposed revenues and all other receipts. The total amount of proposed expenditures shall not exceed the amount of funds available for School District purposes.

(b) At least sixty (60) days prior to adoption of the annual operating budget, the Board shall adopt and submit to the Mayor and Council a lump sum statement of anticipated receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year and a request for authority to levy taxes to balance its budget for the year. Provided, however, that if Council shall no longer have the power to authorize taxes for School District purposes, the statement need not be submitted to the Mayor and Council.

(c) The Board shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the time any budget or amendment thereto is adopted, conduct at least one public hearing thereon. At least thirty (30) days' notice of such public hearings shall be published by advertisement at least once in two newspapers of general circulation printed in the City. The Board shall make available to the public a reasonable number of copies of such budget or amendment, and the notice of public hearing shall state where copies may be obtained or inspected.

(d) The Board shall have the power to amend the budget to authorize the transfer of any unencumbered balance, or any portion thereof, from one appropriation to another, or from one spending agency to another.

(e) The Board shall have the power to make additional appropriations or increase existing appropriations to meet emergencies which could not be anticipated when the budget was adopted, the funds therefor to be provided from unexpended balances in existing appropriations, from unappropriated revenues, if any, or from temporary loans. Under no other circumstances may the Board increase the aggregate total of budget appropriations unless unappropriated revenues become available in sufficient amount to maintain the budget in balance, in which event the Board may make additional or increased appropriations.

Section 12-304. Capital Program and Capital Budget.

(a) Not later than the date of adoption of the annual budget, the Board of Education shall, by a majority vote of all its members, adopt a capital program and capital budget for the District. The capital budget shall at all times conform to the capital program and shall show in detail the capital expenditures to be made or incurred in the next fiscal year that are to be financed from funds subject to control or appropriation by the Board.

(b) The capital program shall embrace all physical public improvements and any preliminary studies and surveys relative thereto, the acquisition of property of a permanent nature, and the purchase of equipment for any improvement when first erected or acquired that are to be financed in whole or in part from funds subject to control or appropriation by the Board. It shall show the capital expenditures which are planned for each of the six ensuing fiscal years. For each separate purpose, project, facility, or other property, there shall be shown the amount, if any, and the source of the money that has been spent, encumbered, or is intended to be spent or encumbered prior to the beginning of the ensuing fiscal year and also the amounts and the sources of the funds that are to be spent during each of the ensuing six years.

(c) The capital program shall not be adopted, nor shall it be amended, until the Board of Education has requested the recommendations thereon of the City Planning Commission. The Board shall not be bound by such recommendations and may act without them if they are not received within thirty (30) days from the date they were requested. Immediately upon adoption of the capital program, the Board shall forward a copy to the City Planning Commission for publication as part of the capital program document which the City Planning Commission publishes annually.

(d) The Board shall at least thirty (30) days prior to the time any capital program or amendment thereto is adopted, conduct at least one public hearing thereon. At least thirty (30) days' notice of such public hearing shall be published by advertisement at least once in two newspapers of general circulation printed in the City. The Board shall make available to the public a reasonable number of copies of such program, and the notice of public hearing shall state where copies may be obtained or inspected.

Section 12-305. Tax Levy.

(a) The Board of Education shall levy taxes annually within such limits and upon such subjects as the General Assembly of the Commonwealth or the Council of the City may from time to time prescribe, in amounts sufficient to provide funds for the current operation of the schools of the District, the payment of interest and sinking fund charges on or other amortization of the debt of the District and its predecessor districts, and to provide for any services which may be incidental to the operation of the schools. Provided, that if the rate of taxation shall be fixed at a mill rate it shall also be stated in dollars and cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

(b) When any levy of school taxes has been made by the Board, the Board shall forthwith certify the levy, under the seal of the District attested by the President and Secretary of the Board, to the proper authority of the City of Philadelphia authorized to prepare tax duplicates, to be entered thereon, and by such authority to be properly certified to the City's Department of Collections. The school taxes shall be collected as provided by law, at the same time, in the same manner and with like authority, subject to the same discounts and penalties as other taxes collected in the City.

(c) If the General Assembly of the Commonwealth shall enact legislation bestowing taxing power on the Board of Education, the Board shall levy and collect taxes as provided in the enabling act.

Section 12-306. Indebtedness.

The Board of Education shall have the power to create and incur indebtedness against the District and issue bonds to secure the same for the purposes and payable as provided by law, but no debt shall be incurred or increased which will cause the aggregate indebtedness to exceed at any one time two (2) percent of the assessed value of the taxable property within the District without the consent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law, nor shall the aggregate indebtedness of the District exceed five (5) percent of the last assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes in the District.

Section 12-307. Comprehensive Plan.

The Board of Education shall furnish the City Planning Commission

adequate information with respect to school needs and projections to enable the Commission to take such into account in its planning and to include schools in each revision of the City Comprehensive Development Plan.

Section 12-308. Personnel Policies.

(a) The Board of Education shall establish a table of organization setting forth a roster of positions for each principal administrative unit of the District and shall require the Superintendent of Schools to report monthly any changes made in the table.

(b) The Board shall adopt regulations based on merit principles and scientific methods governing all incidents of employment, including appointment, promotion, demotion, removal and discipline for all employes of the District except the following:

- (1) Deputy Superintendents, associate superintendents, district superintendents, directors of departments responsible directly to the Superintendent or to any deputy superintendent, and such personal assistants as the Superintendent may require;
- (2) Persons employed by contract to perform special services for the District where the Superintendent certifies that such services cannot be performed by District employes; and
- (3) Persons temporarily appointed or designated to make or conduct a special inquiry or study, or to perform a special service of a unique character which cannot or should not be performed by regular District employes.
- (4) In addition, the Superintendent of Schools may, with the consent of the Board, exempt not more than five per centum (5%) of the professional employes of the District.

(c) The personnel regulations adopted by the Board shall provide for the preparation, maintenance and revision of a position classification plan and of a pay plan for all employes, policies and procedures for recruitment, examinations, promotions, eligible lists and certifications, provisional and emergency appointments, suspension, discharge or reduction in rank, hours of work, holidays, leaves and vacations, employe hearings, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. Copies of the personnel regulations shall be available for public information and distribution at all times.

(d) The Board shall in its personnel regulations preserve and safeguard all rights of employment, status, and tenure of all employes of the School District which exist at the time of adoption of this Article, and of employes of any other governmental agency who may become employes of the School District by virtue of the operation of the provisions of this Article, consistent with law and the requirements of a fair and effective system of personnel administration.

Section 12-309. Cooperative Agreements.

(a) The Board of Education shall have the authority to enter into agreements relating to, but not limited to, joint tax collection, joint purchasing of supplies, equipment and contractual services, use of recreational and park equipment and facilities, control and prevention of juvenile delinquency, city planning, capital budgeting, capital programming, comprehensive development planning and health services with any department, agency, office, board or commission of the City, or with any agency of the Commonwealth or of the United States, or with any non-profit private agency, when, in the opinion of the Board, such agreement will further the efficient and effective administration of public education. In any such agreements, the Board shall, insofar as possible, safeguard all rights of employment, status, and tenure of employes who may be transferred into or out of School District service by virtue of the operation of such agreements.

(b) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Board shall have the authority to extend to all children residing in the District any service, welfare benefit, or educational incentive provided by the District under programs sponsored by the District, or by any municipal, state, federal or non-profit private agency, and to admit any such child to any course or program which the Board shall determine to be the subject of a dual enrollment program. The Board shall have the authority to enter into such agreements or arrangements with any public or non-profit agency as are necessary or proper to the effectuation of this Section.

(c) The Board shall have the authority to maintain or support job placement centers, independently or in conjunction with any other governmental agency, for the purpose of collection and dissemination of information relating to employment opportunities available to graduates of, or dropouts from, any school administered by the District.

Section 12-310. General Public Hearings.

The Board of Education shall hold not less than two public hearings during the year in addition to any other regularly scheduled hearings, for the specific purpose of considering all school issues or school problems of public interest. At least thirty (30) days prior to the date of any such hearing the Board shall publish by advertisement at least once in two newspapers of general circulation printed in the City notice that the hearing will be held. Interested persons may present written statements to the Board relating to proposed issues to be considered at the hearing not less than fifteen (15) days prior thereto.

Chapter 4

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS; DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 12-400. General Powers.

The Superintendent shall be the chief administrative officer and chief instructional officer of the Board of Education and the School District, and shall be responsible for the execution of all actions of the Board, the administration and operation of the public school system subject to the policies of the Board, and the supervision of all matters pertaining to instruction in all the schools under the direction of the Board.

Section 12-401. Personnel Administration.

(a) Upon recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education shall have the authority to appoint and fix the compensation of deputy superintendents, associate superintendents, district superintendents, assistant district superintendents, directors of departments responsible directly to the Superintendent or to any deputy superintendent, and such personal assistants as he deems consistent with the educational needs of the District.

(b) The Superintendent shall have the authority to assign and reassign all professional and classified employes of the District consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth.

(c) The Superintendent shall report annually to the Board:

(1) All assignments and reassignments of professional and classified employes made during the school year;

- (2) All appointments of professional employes which were exempted from the personnel regulations of the Board, including the titles of the positions to which such assignments are made, the duties and responsibilities assigned, and the salaries and benefits received by the appointees; and
- (3) On such other subjects as the Board may deem necessary or proper.

Section 12-402. School District-City Cooperation.

(a) The Superintendent shall, in conjunction with the several departments, commissions and boards of the City, devise methods and bases of cooperation and coordination to the maximum extent practicable between the City and the District relating to joint purchasing of supplies, equipment and contractual services, use of recreational and park equipment and facilities, control and prevention of juvenile delinquency, city planning, capital programming, capital budgeting, comprehensive development planning, health services and any other phase of the District's work. The Superintendent shall recommend for the Board's approval such agreements on these subjects with the City, as well as with other governmental or non-profit agencies, as will further the efficient and effective administration of the District.

(b) The Superintendent shall also, in conjunction with City procurement officials, regularly review all possibilities for more economic operation which could result from greater cooperation and coordination between the City and the District, and which are consistent with the needs of the school system.

Section 12-403. Budgetary Controls.

(a) All of the pre-audit functions and duties of the School Controller as prescribed by law shall be exercised by the Superintendent or his designee. The Superintendent shall establish and maintain a system of accounts and expenditure controls in accordance with the budgets approved by the Board of Education and in accordance with law. The Superintendent shall, as soon as is practicable after the end of each fiscal year, submit to the Board an annual financial statement for the District for the past year. Such statement shall include itemized data with respect to all assets of the District, school taxes and receipts, outstanding indebtedness and sinking funds, if any, and such other information relating to the finances of the District as the Board may deem necessary or proper.

(b) The Board of Education shall, consistent with law, determine which officers and employes shall be required to furnish surety bonds, conditioned on the faithful performance of their respective duties, to determine the amounts of such bonds, and to approve the surety or sureties in each case.

Chapter 5

GENERAL POLICY; SEVERABILITY; REPEALER;

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 12-500. School District to be Part of the Public School System of Pennsylvania.

The School District of Philadelphia is and shall continue to be a part of the system of public education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it shall be subject to all laws relating to school matters which are of statewide application, and to all rules and regulations promulgated by the Commonwealth's Department of Public Instruction under authority of such laws.

Section 12-501. Severability.

It is the intention of the electors of Philadelphia that if this Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter cannot take effect in its entirety because of the judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction holding invalid any part or parts thereof, the remaining parts of this Supplement shall be given full force and effect as completely as if the part or parts held invalid had not been included herein.

Section 12-502. Repealer.

(a) The foregoing charter provisions shall supersede the following Acts or parts of Acts of Assembly, insofar as they apply to school districts of the first class but not to all classes of school districts:

Sections 302, 315, 401, 402, 403, 607, 631, 651, 653, 654, 657, 664, 665, 666, 1071, 1342, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2401(1) and 2421 of the Act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, as amended; and, in addition, Sections 632, 636 and 637 of the Act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, as amended, so far as they relate to the aggregate limit of debt which may be incurred by the District, but not so far as they relate to the temporary debt limits which may be incurred by the District or to the requirement of voter approval for an increase of indebtedness.

(b) To avoid any misapprehension, the voters of Philadelphia hereby declare that the following Acts or parts of Acts of Assembly, as amended, are not superseded by these charter provisions, notwithstanding the fact that they relate only to school districts of the first class:

Sections 229, 439, 603, 652, 655, 655.1, 656, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 707(4), 807, 1194, 1341, 1351, 1371, 1412, 1422, 1844(d), 2105, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2132, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2513 and 2525 of the Act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30;

Act of May 10, 1951, P. L. 237; Act of May 10, 1951, P. L. 265; Act of May 29, 1951, P. L. 493; Act of July 8, 1957, P. L. 548; Act of November 19, 1959, P. L. 1552; Act of July 16, 1963, P. L. 254; Act of August 8, 1963, P. L. 591; Act of August 8, 1963, P. L. 592.

(c) The following Sections of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter shall not apply to the Board of Education or to The School District of Philadelphia:

Sections 2-308, 3-306, 4-300, 4-400, Chapter 1 of Article 6, 6-500, 6-600, 6-601, 7-100, 7-102, 7-201, 7-300, 7-301, 7-302, 7-400, 7-401, 8-101, 8-103, Chapter 2 of Article 8, 8-406, 8-407 and 8-410. In all other respects the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter so far as pertinent shall apply to the Board and to the District.

Section 12-503. Effective Date.

These charter provisions shall become effective on the first Monday of December, 1965, except that the provisions relating to the selection of the members of the Board of Education shall become effective immediately.