

No. 603

AN ACT

To amend section 312 and to repeal section 313 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 providing representation on the board of directors of union and merged school districts.

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

"Public School Code of 1949."

Section 1. Section 312 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," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 312, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended.

Section 312. Union and Merged Districts.—[Whenever any two or more school districts shall be consolidated into a union school district, the directors then in office in each of said districts shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms and shall jointly constitute the board of school directors of the union school district. At the first municipal election after a union school district is created, and at each subsequent municipal election, there shall be elected in the union school district the same number of school directors and for like terms as is provided by this act for school districts of the class to which such union school district belongs, so that upon the expiration of the terms of the directors of the former districts which were united, the board of school directors of the union school district shall be composed of the same number as in other districts of its class.] (a) *In all union districts and all districts resulting from the merger of two or more districts, there shall be one director elected in each of the component cities, boroughs, towns and townships (hereinafter referred to as "municipalities") making up the union or merged district, and such additional number elected at large in the union or merged district as are necessary to make up the number of directors provided by this act for school districts of the class to which the union or merged district belongs. If there are more component municipalities than there are directors provided for the appropriate class of district, the number of directors of the union or merged district shall equal the number of component municipalities. In such event, the number of directors shall be divided into three groups, as nearly equal as possible. The members of*

each group shall be elected at three successive municipal elections and shall serve for terms of six years each.

(b) When two or more school districts are formed into a union district or are merged, the directors then in office in each district shall, until the end of their respective terms, be directors of the union or merged district. At the first municipal election after the union or merger in the case of newly formed districts, and at the municipal election in one thousand nine hundred fifty-three in the case of existing union or merged districts, and in both cases at each subsequent municipal election, directors shall be elected in a number of the component municipalities equal to the number of directors to be elected at that election in districts of the class to which the union or merged district belongs or to which the district is entitled under subsection (a) of this section. The order of priority of component municipalities in electing directors shall be in accordance with the population of the component municipalities according to the United States decennial census last preceding the union or merger, or, in the case of existing districts, the one thousand nine hundred fifty census. Directors to be elected at large shall be elected after all component municipalities have elected a director.

Section 313, said act, repealed.

Section 2. Section 313 of said act is hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 18th day of January, A. D. 1952.

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No. 604

AN ACT

To amend subsection (b) of section 672 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 authorizing financially handicapped or distressed school districts to levy additional taxes, with certain limitations.

"Public School Code of 1949."

Subsection (b) of section 672, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, as amended by act of May 9, 1949, P. L. 1017, further amended.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 672 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," as amended by the act, approved the ninth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1017), is hereby further amended to read as follows: