

*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Section 313, said act, repealed.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 Section 313 of said act is hereby repealed.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:

## Section 672. Tax Levy; Limitations.—

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(b) Boards of school directors of school districts of the second, third, and fourth classes are hereby authorized and directed to levy annually, a tax on each dollar of the total assessment of all property assessed and certified for taxation therein, (1) To pay the minimum salaries and increments of the teaching and supervisory staff provided for herein, and (2) To pay rentals due the State Public School Building Authority. Neither of said taxes shall be invalidated or affected by reason of the fact that it may increase the total annual school tax levy of any school district beyond the millage fixed or limited by this section: Provided, That in districts of the fourth class, the tax herein authorized to pay minimum salaries and increments, together with all other school taxes, except taxes to pay rentals due the State Public School Building Authority, levied in the district, shall not exceed thirty-five (35) mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation thereof, and the tax to pay rentals due the State Public School Building Authority, together with the maximum rate permitted by this section for purposes other than to pay minimum salaries and increments, shall not exceed thirty-five (35) mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation thereof, and in cases of emergency, with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, an additional five (5) mills to provide for obligations due the State Public School Building Authority under a contract previously entered into.

*In financially handicapped and distressed school districts, boards of school directors of such districts are authorized to levy an additional tax of ten (10) mills on each dollar of the total assessment of all property assessed and certified for taxation: Provided, however, That the following conditions and provisions are complied with: the Department of Public Instruction shall determine (1) by investigation that the district is financially handicapped and distressed, (2) that all taxable property in the district has been levied upon, (3) that all other taxes available to the district and deemed advisable by the Superintendent of Public Instruction have been utilized, (4) that the district has complied with economical standards set forth by the Department of Public Instruction, as determined prior to January 1, 1952, including (a) that the ratio of teachers to pupils shall not exceed one to twenty-five, (b) that the cost of administration and operation shall not exceed the average of districts of the same class within the same county, and shall be in compliance with good business practices.*

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

JOHN S. FINE