

Section 1214. Protection against Loss on Previous Loan or Investment.—The restrictions imposed by this act shall not be construed to prevent a savings bank, in order to protect itself from loss upon a loan or investment previously made lawfully and in good faith, from acquiring ownership of, or otherwise taking and holding, any kind of property or security, whether real or personal. [Except as otherwise provided by this act, any property so acquired, unless of the character and nature by this act authorized to be purchased or held by such savings bank, shall be sold by it within five years, but the department may, upon application of a savings bank, grant to it in writing the power to hold such property for a longer period.] *An itemized written schedule of all such property or security held, which is not of the character and nature by this act authorized to be purchased or held by such savings bank, shall be reviewed at least once a year by the trustees of such savings bank, which trustees, by affirmative vote of a majority of the members thereof recorded in its minutes, shall determine which such property it is advisable to continue to retain.*

Act effective immediately.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 27th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 171

AN ACT

Validating and confirming certain contracts heretofore entered into by boards of school directors where there is no evidence of fraud or conspiracy and authorizing or ratifying payments on such contracts by the school district.

Schools.

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

Contracts heretofore entered into by boards of school directors, though legally void, ratified where no evidence of fraud or conspiracy.

Section 1. When any board of school directors has heretofore contracted for labor, materials and supplies for the school district, the purchase of which by contract is authorized under the provisions of the school laws of the Commonwealth, and the board of school directors has actually received the labor, materials and supplies and they are being used by the school district, if the contract does not evidence any fraud or conspiracy to violate the provisions of the school laws of the Commonwealth and the school district has not suffered any pecuniary loss as the result of the contract, then the contract shall be valid and binding on the school district and payment for the labor, materials and supplies by

the school district is hereby authorized, or if payment has been made, it is hereby ratified, notwithstanding the fact that the contract was legally void by reason of the failure to advertise for bids or by reason of defect in the advertising, or by reason of any other defect in compliance with, or in the failure or omission to comply with, the school laws of this Commonwealth regulating the award of contracts for labor, materials and supplies. No board of school directors nor any member thereof shall be surcharged for any payment made on any such contract.

Payments already made on such contracts ratified.

No surcharge.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 27th day of July, A. D. 1953.

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No. 172

AN ACT

To reenact subsection A of section 1012 of the act, approved the fifteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (Pamphlet Laws 624), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the business of banking, and to the exercise of fiduciary powers by corporations; providing for the organization of corporations with fiduciary powers, and of banking corporations, with or without fiduciary powers, including the conversion of National banks into State banks, and for the licensing of private bankers and employes' mutual banking associations; defining the rights, powers, duties, liabilities, and immunities of such corporations, of existent corporations authorized to engage in a banking business, with or without fiduciary powers, of private bankers and employes' mutual banking associations, and of the officers, directors, trustees, shareholders, attorneys, and other employes of all such corporations, employes' mutual banking associations or private bankers, or of affiliated corporations, associations, or persons; restricting the exercise of banking powers by any other corporation, association, or person, and of fiduciary powers by any other corporation; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the courts, prothonotaries, recorders of deeds, and certain State departments, commissions, and officers; imposing penalties; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts," by making further provision concerning the powers and limitations on powers of banks and bank and trust companies.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: "Banking Code."

Section 1. Subsection A of section 1012 of the act, approved the fifteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (Pamphlet Laws 624), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the business of banking, and to the exercise of fiduciary powers by corporations; providing for the organization of corporations with fiduciary powers, and of banking corporations, with

Subsection A of section 1012, act of May 15, 1933, P. L. 624, as last amended by acts of April 20, 1949, P. L. 626, and May 20, 1949, P. L. 1520, re-enacted.