

*active member of the Department of Pennsylvania, Reserve Officers Association of the United States, shall be [one of the six] two of the seven members of this commission.*

The commission shall elect, from among its members, a chairman and a secretary.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1956.

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No. 560

AN ACT

Amending the act of March ten, 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, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," authorizing school directors of districts in a jointure to vote at county convention meetings in the county where the joint school is located, and entitling additional districts to services provided through the county superintendent's office.

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

Public School  
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section nine hundred one, act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended July twenty-seven, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 619), is amended to read:

Section 901, act  
of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
amended July 27,  
1953, P. L. 619,  
further amended.

Section 901. [Annual] Conventions and Special Meetings.—The school directors, in every county having a county superintendent of public schools, shall annually be called together at the county-seat or some other suitable place within the county, by the county superintendent of public schools. The purpose of such annual convention shall be the consideration and the discussion, by the school directors and others, of questions and subjects pertaining to the welfare and promotion of the public schools in their respective counties, and such other business as may properly come before such conventions. In addition hereto, the county superintendent of public schools may call together the school directors within the county at the county-seat, or some other suitable place within the county designated by the county superintendent of public schools when any emergency may exist, or when, in the opinion of the county superintendent of public schools, a special meeting should be called for the consideration and discussion by the school directors and others of questions and subjects pertaining

to the welfare and promotion of the public schools or their interests in their respective districts, or counties, and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

The convention shall have power, at the annual convention or at any special meeting, to pass on and approve activities and services [and schools and classes for handicapped] to be provided, administered and supervised by the county board of school directors, and to authorize the same by a majority vote of those present.

Such action shall not be taken unless the secretary of each school board [under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent] has been advised at least forty (40) days previous to the convention or meeting at which such action is to be considered.

*The school directors of any district that has joined with one or more districts of another county in establishing joint schools which conform to approved county plans shall attend and have full voting rights at (1) the annual convention, (2) the convention for the election of county superintendent of schools, and (3) at all special meetings of school directors called by the county superintendent of schools in such other county. School directors in districts located in two or more counties which form a joint school system shall have voting rights only in the county containing the largest proportion of the population of the administrative unit as shown by the last United States census. They shall be given the same notice in reference to the meetings that is given to school directors of the county.*

Subsection (a), section 921, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended July 27, 1953, P. L. 629, August 19, 1953, P. L. 1136, and August 21, 1953, P. L. 1223, further amended.

Section 2. Subsection (a) of section nine hundred twenty-one of the act, amended July twenty-seven, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 629), August nineteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1136), and August twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1223), is amended to read:

Section 921. Election; Vacancies; Qualifications; Removals.—(a) In every county having a county superintendent of public schools, there shall be a county board of school directors consisting of five (5) members, except in counties of the second class where the board shall consist of seven (7) members. All members shall be elected at the annual convention of the school directors of the county next preceding the expiration of their respective terms of office, by majority vote of the [following] school directors [attending] *of the county and of directors of other counties, as hereinbefore provided, voting at such annual convention. [:(1) directors of districts under the supervision of the county superin-*

tendent; (2) directors of union and merged districts of the third class employing district superintendents; and (3) districts of the third and fourth class employing district superintendents to operate joint school systems. Immediately after their election they shall meet and qualify by taking an oath of office.] They shall serve for terms of six years from the first day of July following their election, or until their successors are chosen. The terms of the members shall be staggered so that two members shall be elected in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-two, two in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-four, and one in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-six; and thereafter, two members or one member, as is required to fill the expiring terms. In counties of the second class, the two additional members shall be elected in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-six and each six years thereafter. Prior thereto, the vacancies shall be filled as herein provided in the case of other vacancies. All vacancies occurring by reason of death, resignation, removal from the county, or otherwise, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the county board of school directors. The person elected to fill such vacancy shall hold his office until the next annual convention, at which a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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Section 3. Sections 1022 and 1091 of the act, section 1022 amended, and section 1091, added August nineteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1136), are amended to read:

Section 1022. Time and by Whom Elected; Term of Office.—[The school directors of all of the school districts that do not have a district superintendent, the school directors of all union and merged districts of the third class that employ district superintendents, and the school directors of all third and fourth class districts employing district superintendents to operate joint school systems, of] *In each county in which a county superintendent is to be elected, the school directors of all of the school districts under the supervision of the county superintendent, the school directors of all union and merged districts, the school directors of all districts of the third and fourth class employing district superintendents to operate joint school systems, the school directors of all school districts that were under the*

Sections 1022 and 1091, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, section 1022 amended, and 1091 added August 19, 1953, P. L. 1136, further amended.

*supervision of the county superintendent on the first Monday of July, 1955, the school directors of districts employing district superintendents who elect to become part of the county service system, and school directors of districts of other counties that have joined with one or more districts of the county in establishing joint schools which conform to approved county plans, shall meet in convention at the county seat of [their] the county, in the courthouse or some other suitable place to be furnished by the county commissioners at the expense of the county, on the second Tuesday of April, one thousand nine hundred fifty (1950), and on the same day of every fourth year thereafter, and, by a majority vote of those present, elect as herein provided one duly qualified person as county superintendent, to serve for four years from the first Monday of July next following, and fix his annual salary. When there is only one candidate for the office of county superintendent and such candidate within thirty days of the date fixed for holding the convention for the election of the county superintendent dies, withdraws or proves ineligible to be elected, the convention shall be postponed or adjourned to the second Tuesday of June of the same year. If no candidate is elected at such postponed or adjourned convention, the office shall be filled in the manner provided by this act for the filling of vacancies in the office.*

Section 1091. Services Provided Through Office of County Superintendent.—Joint school systems operated by school districts of the third or fourth class that employ district superintendents for the joint school systems, [and] union and merged districts, [of the third class employing district superintendents] *districts that were under the supervision of the county superintendent on the first Monday of July, 1955, districts employing district superintendents which elect to become part of the county service system and districts of other counties that have joined with one or more districts of the county in establishing joint schools which conform to approved county plans, shall be entitled to all services provided through the office of the county superintendent, subject to all conditions and requirements imposed on school districts under the supervision of the county superintendent.*

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