

shall not exceed thirty-five (35) mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation thereof, and the tax to pay rentals due any municipality authority or 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 any municipality authority or due the State Public School Building Authority under a lease or contract previously entered into, or to pay for amortization of a bond issue which provided a school building since 1945.

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 June, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 102

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," increasing the number of special dog training area permits which may be issued in any one county.

The Game Law.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 938, act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), known as "The Game Law," amended May 31, 1957 (P. L. 240), is amended to read:

Section 938. Special Dog Training Areas.—(a) Upon application of any club or organization having twenty or more members who are citizens of this Commonwealth, or upon the application of twenty or more citizens of this Commonwealth and the payment of a registration fee of ten dollars (\$10), the commission may issue a permit authorizing the establishment and maintenance by such club, organization or citizens on land owned by them, or over which they have legal control, of a special dog training area wherein and whereon dogs may be trained at any time during the entire year. No such dog training area shall be of less than one hundred acres, nor of more than two hundred fifty acres, nor shall permits be issued for more than [six] *eight* special dog training areas in any one county.

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APPROVED—The 24th day of June, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 103

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," authorizing arbitration before the County Court of Allegheny County.

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

Section 1. Sections 8.1, 10, 25 and 26, act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," amended June 20, 1957 (P. L. 336), are amended to read:

Section 8.1. The several courts of common pleas, *the County Court of Allegheny County* and the Municipal Court of Philadelphia may, by rules of court, provide that all cases which are at issue where the amount in controversy shall be two thousand dollars (\$2000) or less, except those involving title to real estate, shall first be submitted to and heard by a board of three (3) members of the bar within the judicial district. Cases which are not at issue and whether or not suit has been filed may be referred to the board of arbitration by agreement of reference signed by counsel for both sides in the case. Said agreement of reference shall define the issues in-

Subsection (a), section 938, act of June 3, 1937, P. L. 1225, amended May 31, 1957, P. L. 240, further amended.

Dogs may be trained at any time in certain areas by special permit.

Arbitration.

Sections 8.1, 10, 25 and 26, act of June 16, 1836, P. L. 715, amended June 20, 1957, P. L. 336, further amended.

Cases at issue for \$2000 or less excluding title to real estate to be submitted to board of arbitration.

Cases not at issue and suit not filed may be submitted by signed agreement of counsel of both sides.