

to attend the meetings of such convention or association, and each delegate and secretary so attending shall be reimbursed for all necessary [traveling and hotel] expenses *for traveling, lodging and meals* actually incurred. Any such board may become a member of the State School Directors' Association, and may pay, out of the school funds of the district, any membership dues which may be assessed by the association at any State convention of school directors to defray the necessary expenses of maintaining the association and of holding the convention. Such expenses shall be paid by the treasurer of the school district, in the usual manner, out of the school funds of the district, upon the presentation of an itemized, verified statement of such expenses.

APPROVED—The 8th day of December, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 638

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 17, 1929 (P. L. 527), entitled "An act providing for the recovery and collection of municipal claims by action of assumpsit, without the necessity of entering liens for such claims, and repealing existing laws," providing for the recovery of water and sewer charges and the cost of removal of nuisances by actions of assumpsit.

**Municipal claims.**

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

Section 1, act of  
April 17, 1929,  
P. L. 527,  
amended.

Section 1. Section 1, act of April 17, 1929 (P. L. 527), entitled "An act providing for the recovery and collection of municipal claims by action of assumpsit, without the necessity of entering liens for such claims, and repealing existing laws," is amended to read:

Recovery by  
action of  
assumpsit.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in addition to the remedies provided by law for the filing of liens for the collection of municipal claims, *including but not limited to water rates, sewer rates and the removal of nuisances*, all cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, and first class townships may proceed for the recovery and collection of [municipal] *all of the foregoing* claims by action of assumpsit against the person or persons who were the owner or owners of the property at the time of the completion of the improvement, *or at the time the water or sewer rates or the cost of the removal of nuisances first became payable* notwithstanding the fact that there was a failure on the part of any such city, borough, town or township, or its agents, to enter any such municipal claim as a lien against the property assessed for the improve-

ment, or for the furnishing of water or sewer services and for the removal of nuisances and for the recovery of which the action of assumpsit was brought. Any such action in assumpsit shall be commenced *either* within three years after the completion of the improvement from which said claim arises *or within three years after the water or sewer rates or the cost of abating a nuisance first became payable.*

Limitation of  
action.

APPROVED—The 8th day of December, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

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No. 639

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 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," eliminating requirement for the submission of revised plans when mergers are not assented to by electors.

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

Public School  
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 263, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended August 19, 1953 (P. L. 1102), is amended to read:

Section 263, act  
of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
amended August  
19, 1953, P. L.  
1102, further  
amended.

Section 263. Petitions and Elections for Mergers; Returns; When Effective.—Upon the approval of said plans by the State Council of Education, it shall be the duty of the county board of school directors to prepare and present petitions for such mergers to the court of common pleas of the county. In case such districts or parts of districts are situated in two or more counties, the petitions shall be presented to the court of common pleas of the county in which the largest part in area of the land affected is situated, which court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the matter.

Whenever the State Council of Education approves said plans, at least one hundred days prior to a general or municipal election, and the county board of school directors fail to present petitions to the court for submission of the question at such election, then any elector of a school district involved may present such a petition to the court, signed by at least fifteen per cent of the electors in each school district, for submission of the question at any subsequent general or municipal election.

The petition for any such merger shall request the submission of the question of such merger to the electors