

Court of this Commonwealth. Such rights to a hearing and to appeal shall also be enjoyed by the duly authorized officials of the political subdivision or subdivisions in which the authorized operation is located.

Section 13. Sections 20 and 21 of the act are amended to read:

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Section 20. The use of explosives for the purpose of blasting in connection with strip mining in the neighborhood of any public highway, stream of water, dwelling house, public building, school, church, commercial or institutional building or pipe line shall be done in accordance with regulations [prescribed] *promulgated* by and under the supervision of the Department of Mines and *Mineral Industries*.

Use of explosives.

Section 21. Any operator who proceeds to mine coal, commonly known as "anthracite," by the strip mining method without having registered and having received a permit, as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of *not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or undergo imprisonment not exceeding three (3) months, or both*. The fine shall be payable to the Commonwealth.

Violation and penalty.

Section 14. This act shall take effect January 1, 1962, or ninety days after final enactment, whichever is later.

Effective date.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 529

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," further providing for the expenses of members of boards of school directors attending certain meetings and for the expenses of certain employes incurred in the furthering of the educational program of the school district.

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

Public School Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 516.1, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended June 28, 1957 (P. L. 408), is amended to read:

Section 516.1, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended June 28, 1957, P. L. 408, further amended.

Section 516.1. Expenses for Attendance at Meetings of Educational or Financial Advantage to District.—

When, in the opinion of the board of school directors, attendance of one or more of its members at any meeting held within the Commonwealth (other than annual State and county conventions of school directors and meetings called by the county superintendent) or not more than two of its members at the annual convention of the National School Boards Association will be of educational or financial advantage to the district, it may authorize the attendance of one or more of its members at such meeting within the Commonwealth and of not more than two members at the annual convention of the National School Boards Association, wherever held, not exceeding two meetings in any one school year. Each person so authorized to attend and attending shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in going to, attending and returning from the place of such meeting, *including travel, travel insurance, lodging, meals, registration fees and other incidental expenses necessarily incurred*, but not exceeding [twelve dollars (\$12) per day, together with mileage at the rate of seven cents (\$.07)] *twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day for lodging and meals. Actual travel expenses shall be allowed with mileage for travel by car at the rate of ten cents (\$.10) for each mile in going to and returning from each meeting.* Such expenses shall be paid by the treasurer of the school district in the usual manner out of the funds of the district, upon presentation of an itemized verified statement of such expenses: *Provided, That advanced payments may be made by the proper officers of the district upon presentation of estimated expenses to be incurred, to be followed by a final itemized, verified statement of such expenses actually incurred upon return from such conventions, and a refund be made to the district of such funds remaining or an additional payment be made to meet the verified expenses actually incurred.*

Section 517 of the act, amended April 12, 1951, P. L. 219, further amended.

Section 2. Section 517 of the act, amended April 12, 1951 (P. L. 219), is amended to read:

Section 517. Attendance of Superintendents, etc., at Educational Conferences, and of Pupils at State Farm Show, etc.; Expenses.—The board of school directors of each district may authorize the attendance of the superintendent and such other members of the teaching and supervisory staff of such districts as they may specify, at any educational conference or conferences, when in the opinion of the board, such attendance will be conducive to the best interests of the district. Each person so authorized to attend and attending shall be reimbursed for all necessary traveling and hotel expenses actually incurred. The board of school directors may also authorize the transportation of pupils to the State

Farm Show and to other exhibitions and places of interest, when their attendance at the same is deemed of educational value to such pupils, and may pay the expenses of such pupils, in whole or in part, from the funds of the district. 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.

The board of school directors of each district may reimburse any principal, supervising principal, school nurse, teacher or other employe for necessary traveling expenses incurred in the furthering of the educational program of the school district: Provided, That prior authorization to incur said expenses shall have been previously given by the board of school directors: *Provided further, That advanced payments may be made by the proper officers of the district upon presentation of estimated expenses to be incurred, to be followed by a final itemized, verified statement of such expenses actually incurred upon return from such conventions, and a refund be made to the district of such funds remaining or an additional payment be made to meet the verified expenses actually incurred.*

APPROVED—The 2nd day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 530

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 29, 1937 (P. L. 487), entitled, as amended, "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of electors in cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, and townships as a condition of their right to vote at elections and primaries, and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition *of their right to vote at primaries; prescribing certain procedure for the conduct of elections and primaries and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors; requiring the county commissioners of the various counties to act as a registration commission therefor; and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties, political bodies, registration commissions, commissioners, registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees of registration commissions, county election boards, election officers, municipal officers, departments and bureaus, police officers, courts, judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county commissioners, peace officers, county treasurers, county controllers, registrars of vital statistics, certain public utility corporations, real estate brokers, rental agents, and boards of school directors; and imposing penalties," further regulating printed or written statements of registration;

* "of" omitted in original.