

No. 205  
AN ACT

Amending the act of May 4, 1927 (P. L. 519), entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," authorizing the regulation of housing and the enactment of housing ordinances, authorizing advertising and recording such ordinances by reference, and validating housing ordinances previously enacted.

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

The Borough Code.

Section 1. Clauses XX. and XXI. of section 1202, act of May 4, 1927 (P. L. 519), known as "The Borough Code," reenacted and amended July 10, 1947 (P. L. 1621), are amended to read:

Clauses XX. and XXI., section 1202, act of May 4, 1927, P. L. 519, reenacted and amended July 10, 1947, P. L. 1621, further amended.

Section 1202. Specific Powers.—The powers of the borough shall be vested in the corporate officers. They shall have power:

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XX. Wooden Structures.—To prohibit or regulate the erection of wooden buildings, *housing* and structures.

XXI. Buildings, *Housing* and Building and Housing Inspection.—To make regulations for the construction of new buildings *and housing*, and repair of old ones; and to require that, before the work begins, approval of the plans and specifications therefor be secured; and to provide for the inspection of such construction and repair, including the appointment of one or more building inspectors *and housing inspectors*; to prescribe limits wherein none but buildings *and housing* of noncombustible material and fireproof roofs shall be erected, or substantially reconstructed, or removed thereinto; and to provide penalties for the violation of such regulations. Any building *and housing* erected, reconstructed, or removed, contrary to the provisions of any ordinance passed for any of the purposes specified in this clause, is declared to be a public nuisance and abatable as such.

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Section 2. Clause LXI. of section 1202 of the act, amended July 19, 1951 (P. L. 1026), is amended to read:

Clause LXI., section 1202 of act, amended July 19, 1951, P. L. 1026, further amended.

Section 1202. Specific Powers.—The powers of the borough shall be vested in the corporate officers. They shall have power:

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LXI. Building and Plumbing Codes by Reference.—To enact and enforce suitable ordinances relating to buildings *and housing*, their construction, alteration, extension, repair, maintenance and all facilities and serv-

ices in or about such buildings *and housing*, and for the enforcement thereof, and provide for the enforcement thereof by a reasonable fine, and by instituting appropriate actions or proceedings at law, or in equity, to effect the purposes of this provision and ordinances thereunder. At least one week and not more than three weeks prior to the presentation of the proposed building code ordinance *and housing code ordinance* to council, an informative notice of intention to consider such proposed ordinance and a brief summary setting forth the principal provisions of the proposed ordinance in such reasonable detail as will give adequate notice of its contents, pursuant to a uniform form, which shall be prepared or approved by the Department of Internal Affairs, and a reference to the place or places within the borough where copies of the proposed building code *and housing code* may be examined or obtained, shall be published in the manner provided by law for the publication of ordinances.

To enact suitable ordinances relating to plumbing, in the same manner and to the same effect as herein provided for building codes *and housing codes*. The building code, *housing code* and plumbing code may be combined or separately enacted.

The provisions of the ordinance need not be advertised or recorded as in other cases, but may be supplied by reference to a standard building code *and to a standard housing code*, approved by the Department of Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth, or to parts thereof, determined by council, or the provisions of the ordinance may be supplied by reference to a typed or printed building code *and to a typed or printed housing code*, prepared under the direction of or accepted by the borough council, or the provisions may consist of a standard code approved as aforesaid, or parts thereof, and also further provisions typed or printed as aforesaid. Copies of the ordinance thus adopted by reference shall be made available to any interested party at the cost thereof, or may be furnished or loaned without charge, and a copy of such ordinance whether by reference to a standard building code, *a standard housing code* or to a typed or printed code, or a combination of them, shall be attached to the ordinance book with the same force and effect as if duly recorded therein. The procedure set forth relating to the adoption of the ordinance, by reference, may likewise be adopted in amending, supplementing or repealing any of the provisions of the ordinance.

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Section 3. Any housing ordinance previously enacted by a borough which provides for the purposes authorized by this act is hereby validated. **Validation.**

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately. **Act effective immediately.**

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1963.

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No. 206

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," changing the school fiscal year.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: **Public School Code of 1949.**

Section 1. Clause (4) of section 102, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended to read: **Clause (4), section 102, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended.**

Section 102. Definitions.—When used in this act the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

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(4) "School year" shall mean the period of time elapsing in school districts of the first class between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December of any year, and in school districts of all other classes [and in vocational school districts] between the first [Monday] *day* of July of one year and the [day immediately preceding the first Monday of July] *thirtieth day of June* of the following year.

Section 2. Section 253 of the act, amended December 30, 1959 (P. L. 2088), is amended to read: **Section 253 of act, amended December 30, 1959, P. L. 2088, further amended.**

Section 253. When Established; Classification.—Whenever any union district shall be formed or enlarged, as herein provided, such district shall become a union school district on the first [Monday in] *day* of July after it has been formed. The classification of any such union school district shall be determined, for the purposes of this act, by the combined population of all the districts united, as shown by the last preceding decennial census of the United States.

Section 3. Section 263 of the act, amended September 12, 1961 (P. L. 1261), is amended to read: **Section 263 of act, amended September 12, 1961, P. L. 1261, further amended.**