

No. 1977-46

AN ACT

SB 804

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), 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 dates of organizational meetings, levying of school taxes and the taxing powers of boards of education of school districts of the first class A.

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

Section 1. Section 401, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 401. Beginning of School Year; Organization Meetings.—
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(a.1) In all school districts of the first class A, the school directors shall meet and organize annually during the first week of December.

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Section 2. Section 652 of the act, amended May 29, 1951 (P.L.436, No.103), is amended to read:

Section 652. Tax Levy; Purposes; Limitations.—In all school districts of the first class **[and first class A]** the school taxes for the following fiscal year shall be levied annually, by the board of public education thereof, on or after the second Monday of November and before the first Monday of December following. ***In all school districts of the first class A the school taxes for the following fiscal year shall be levied annually by the board of public education on or after the first Monday of December and before the end of the current fiscal year.*** The board of public education thereof shall annually levy a tax on each dollar of the total assessments of all property assessed and certified for taxation in said district, which tax shall be ascertained, determined, and fixed by adding together the following:

(1) An amount which, with all moneys received from the Commonwealth applicable thereto, shall be sufficient to pay the minimum salaries and increments of the teaching and supervisory staff thereof as fixed and provided by law and to pay the contributions of said district to the teachers' retirement system. For the purpose of computing the amount required to pay the minimum salaries and increments fixed by law, but without otherwise limiting the rights of the district to employ teachers or other employes, (i) The number of teachers on the salary schedule of the elementary schools shall not exceed one for every thirty pupils in average daily membership in such schools, (ii) The number of teachers on the salary schedule of the junior high schools shall not exceed one for every twenty-two pupils in average daily membership in such schools, (iii) The number of

teachers on the salary schedule of the senior high schools shall not exceed one for every twenty-two pupils in average daily membership in such schools, (iv) The number of teachers with salaries and increments fixed by law, on any salary schedule now established or hereafter established, and not specially mentioned in this act, shall not exceed one for every twenty-two pupils in average daily membership, (v) The number of principals in the elementary schools, and the principals in charge of all other character of schools now established or hereafter established, and not specially mentioned in this act, shall not exceed one for every six hundred pupils in average daily membership in such schools, (vi) The number of principals in the junior and senior high schools shall not exceed one for every twelve hundred pupils in average daily membership in such schools, (vii) The number of supervisors in all schools shall not exceed one for every fifteen hundred pupils in average daily membership, (viii) The number of attendance officers and home and school visitors shall not exceed one for every two thousand pupils in average daily membership in all elementary and secondary schools, (ix) In all adult and extension school classes, the number of teachers shall not exceed one for every twenty pupils in average daily membership in such schools.

The salary and increments, fixed by law, of members of the teaching and supervisory staff whose number is not in some manner limited hereby, shall not be included within the purposes authorized by clause (1) of this section, but shall be construed and regarded as constituting expenses within the meaning of clause (3) of this section.

Average daily membership, as used herein, shall be based upon membership during the preceding school term.

(2) An amount sufficient to pay the interest on, and retire at maturity the principal of, the indebtedness of said district incurred as authorized by law.

(2.1) An amount sufficient to pay any rentals agreed to be paid to the State Public School Building Authority or any other authority created by the General Assembly, having State-wide jurisdiction.

(3) An amount sufficient to pay all other expenses and requirements of said school district, which amount shall be equivalent to not less than three, nor more than five, mills on the dollar of the total assessment of all property assessed and certified for taxation therein.

The total annual school tax levy for all purposes in any school district of the first class shall not be more than eleven and three-quarter ($11 \frac{3}{4}$) mills on the dollar of the total assessment of all property assessed and certified for taxation in the territory constituting the district.

Section 3. Subclause (iv) of clause (1) of subsection (a) of section 652.1 of the act, added December 19, 1975 (P.L. 511, No. 150), is amended to read:

Section 652.1. Taxing Power of Elected Board of Public Education of School Districts of the First Class A.—(a) The elected Board of Public Education in any school district of the first class A shall have authority to impose taxes for the purposes of such school district as follows:

(1) Without ordinance and under the following statutes their reenactments and amendments, at the rates fixed therein, namely:

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[(iv) Real property tax acts:**Act of November 19, 1959 (P.L.1552, No.557), (additional 2 mills),****Act of August 8, 1963 (P.L.585, No.304), (additional 1 mill),****Act of May 23, 1949 (P.L.1661, No.505), (additional 1 ½ mills),****Act of July 12, 1957 (P.L.837, No.386), (additional ¾ mill) and section 652 of this act, (11 ¾ mills).]****(iv) Real property tax acts:****Act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), 11.75 mills,****Act of November 30, 1955 (P.L.793, No.226), 1.5 mills,****Act of July 12, 1957 (P.L.837, No.386), .75 mills,****Act of November 19, 1959 (P.L.1552, No.557), 2 mills,****Act of October 21, 1965 (P.L.650, No.321), 1 mill,****Act of November 26, 1968 (P.L.1098, No.340), 6 mills,****Act of December 15, 1975 (P.L.483, No.143), 6 mills.***** * ***

Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 5th day of August, A. D. 1977.

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