

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 9, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," providing for a two-thirds vote for
6 major new construction.

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

9 Section 1. Section 508 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended January
11 14, 1970 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), is amended to read:

12 Section 508. Majority Vote Required; Recording.--(a) The
13 affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the board
14 of school directors in every school district, duly recorded,
15 showing how each member voted, shall be required in order to
16 take action on the following subjects:--

17 Fixing length of school term.

18 Adopting textbooks.

19 Appointing or dismissing district superintendents,

1 assistant district superintendents, associate superintendents,
2 principals, and teachers.

3 Appointing tax collectors and other appointees.

4 Adopting the annual budget.

5 Levying and assessing taxes.

6 Purchasing, selling, or condemning land.

7 Locating new buildings or changing the locations of old ones.

8 Dismissing a teacher after a hearing.

9 Creating or increasing any indebtedness.

10 Adopting courses of study.

11 Establishing additional schools or departments.

12 Designating depositories for school funds.

13 Entering into contracts of any kind, including contracts for
14 the purchase of fuel or any supplies, where the amount involved
15 exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100).

16 Fixing salaries or compensation of officers, teachers, or
17 other appointees of the board of school directors.

18 Entering into contracts with and making appropriations to the
19 intermediate unit for the district's proportionate share of the
20 cost of services provided or to be provided for by the
21 intermediate unit.

22 Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall
23 render such acts of the board of school directors void and
24 unenforcible.

25 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the affirmative vote of
26 two-thirds of all the members of the board of school directors
27 in every school district, duly recorded, showing how each member
28 voted, shall be required in order to take action on major new
29 construction. The term "major new construction" includes new
30 construction or a substantial addition as defined in section

1 701.1.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.