
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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INTRODUCED BY DOYLE, GALLAGHER, STAPLETON, HOFFEL,
M. H. GEORGE, GATSKI, O'KEEFE, GARZIA AND BERLIN,
NOVEMBER 21, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NOVEMBER 21, 1977

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," further providing for the combination
6 of school districts.

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

9 Section 1. Section 224, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
10 No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added
11 December 7, 1965 (P.L.1034, No.385), is amended to read:

12 Section 224. Combination of School Districts.--Any two or
13 more school districts or administrative units may combine to
14 create a larger school district. The board of school directors
15 of each school district desiring to form such a combination
16 shall, by a majority vote, adopt a resolution outlining the
17 areas to be combined and [file an application for approval with
18 the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Superintendent of
19 Public Instruction] shall submit the question of the combination

1 to the electorate of each school district for their approval at
2 the next general or municipal election occurring more than sixty
3 (60) days after the passage of the resolution. If a majority of
4 the electorate voting in each district shall approve the
5 combination, the boards of school directors of the districts to
6 be combined shall file an application for approval with the
7 Secretary of Education. The Secretary of Education shall place
8 on the agenda of the State Board of Education each such
9 application for its consideration.

10 The State Board of Education shall review each application
11 upon its agenda and approve such applications as it deems wise
12 in the best interest of the educational system of the
13 Commonwealth.

14 The State Board may continue the application on its agenda
15 and may permit any school district or interested party,
16 aggrieved by the petition, to file its objection. Such objection
17 shall set forth the basis for and facts of aggrievement.

18 If an application is not approved it shall be returned to the
19 applying districts for resubmission in accordance with such
20 recommendations as may be attached thereto.

21 When an application receives approval, the State Board of
22 Education shall direct the [Superintendent of Public
23 Instruction] Secretary of Education to issue a certificate
24 creating the new school district, listing the name, constituting
25 components, classification and effective date of operation.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days and shall
27 apply to all combinations instituted thereafter.