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INTRODUCED BY FISHER, ZORD, TADDONIO AND COWELL,
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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," removing limitations on the number of
6 terms an intermediate unit director may serve and making
7 editorial changes.

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

10 Section 1. Section 910-A, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
11 No.14), known as "The Public School Code of 1949," added May 4,
12 1970 (P.L.311, No.102), is amended to read:

13 Section 910-A. Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.--(a)
14 Each intermediate unit board of directors shall be composed of
15 thirteen members, chosen for terms of three years from among
16 members of the boards of school directors of school districts
17 comprising the intermediate unit. An intermediate unit director
18 may succeed himself [for two additional terms] without
19 limitation as to the number of terms. Unless there are fewer
20 than thirteen school districts in an intermediate unit, at no

1 time shall more than one director from any school district be
2 elected to an intermediate unit board of directors. Where there
3 are fewer than thirteen school districts within an intermediate
4 unit, there shall be at least one school director from each
5 school district elected to the intermediate unit board of
6 directors. The election of intermediate unit boards of directors
7 shall be by proportionate ballot, and each school director of
8 each school district within an intermediate unit shall be
9 entitled to cast votes determined by dividing the weighted
10 average daily membership of the school district by the total
11 weighted average daily membership within the intermediate unit,
12 multiplying the quotient so obtained by one thousand, dividing
13 the product so obtained by thirteen, and rounding such dividend
14 to the nearest whole number: Provided, however, That each school
15 director shall have at least one vote. The [Superintendent of
16 Public Instruction] Secretary of Education shall annually, not
17 later than the first day of February, certify the weighted
18 average daily membership for the previous school year for each
19 school district and for each intermediate unit, and shall
20 compute the number of votes to which each school director of
21 each school district within an intermediate unit shall be
22 entitled.

23 (b) Except for the initial election, directors shall be
24 elected annually in April by convention of the school directors
25 of the school districts comprising an intermediate unit as
26 follows: five every third year, four each other year.
27 Intermediate unit boards of directors shall organize annually in
28 July.

29 (c) The initial election of directors shall be held between
30 the effective date of this act and January 15, 1971; and

1 thirteen directors shall be elected for terms to begin on
2 January 15, 1971, to expire for four directors on June 30, 1972,
3 for four directors on June 30, 1973 and for five directors on
4 June 30, 1974. From the date of election to July 1, 1971 the
5 directors elected initially shall serve as intermediate unit
6 planning committees to plan for the operations of intermediate
7 units commencing July 1, 1971.

8 (d) Vacancies on an intermediate unit board of directors
9 shall be filled by appointment by majority vote of the remaining
10 intermediate unit directors. A director so appointed shall serve
11 until the annual convention, at which time the convention shall
12 elect a director to serve the unexpired portion of the term. An
13 intermediate unit director elected to fill a vacancy may succeed
14 himself [for three additional terms] without limitations as to
15 the number of terms. Vacancies shall occur upon the death,
16 resignation, or removal of an intermediate unit director, or
17 when he no longer holds office as a school director. In the
18 event vacancies exist or occur in the membership of all of the
19 members of an intermediate unit board of directors, a special
20 convention, called by the [Superintendent of Public Instruction]
21 Secretary of Education,, shall be held of school directors of
22 the school districts comprising the intermediate unit for the
23 purpose of electing directors to fill the vacancies.

24 (e) Any member of an intermediate unit board of directors
25 may be removed in the same manner and for the same cause as
26 provided by law for removal of members of boards of school
27 directors.

28 (f) Elections of intermediate unit directors and the
29 organization of intermediate unit boards of directors shall be
30 conducted in accordance with regulations adopted by the State

1 Board of Education.

2 (g) In the case of an intermediate unit comprised of a
3 single school district, the board of education of the school
4 district shall be the intermediate unit board of directors.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.