

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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BOSCOLA, HERSHEY, SEYFERT AND ROSS, APRIL 8, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 8, 1997

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 majority  
6 vote of school boards.

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 (b) No member of any board of school directors shall vote on  
23 contracts with any employe organization if the board member is  
24 related as a father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter,  
25 stepson or stepdaughter to any member of the employe  
26 organization.

27 (c) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section  
28 shall render such acts of the board of school directors void and  
29 [unenforcible] unenforceable.

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