

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2297 Session of  
1978

INTRODUCED BY PRATT AND MILLIRON, APRIL 5, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 5, 1978

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," changing provisions relating to  
6 election of school directors by regions.

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

9 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 303, act of March 10,  
10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949,"  
11 amended August 8, 1963 (P.L.564, No.299), is amended to read:

12 Section 303. Number and Election in Districts of the Second,  
13 Third and Fourth Classes; Terms of Office.--\* \* \*

14 (b) [The interim operating committee or after the date of  
15 establishment the board of school directors of a newly  
16 established school district, may, if it so chooses, develop a  
17 plan to divide the school district into either three or nine  
18 regions. The boundaries of the regions shall be fixed and  
19 established in such manner that the population of each region  
20 shall be as nearly equal as possible and shall be compatible

1 with the boundaries of election districts. Such plan for the  
2 division of the school district shall be submitted for approval  
3 to the court of quarter sessions. If approved by such court, the  
4 clerk thereof shall certify the regional boundaries contained  
5 therein to the county board of elections. In the event of any  
6 division, redivision, alteration, change or consolidation of  
7 election districts which renders regional boundaries  
8 incompatible with the boundaries of election districts, a new  
9 plan shall be developed and submitted for court approval in like  
10 manner. Any proposed change in an approved plan, including  
11 abolition of regional representation, shall be submitted for  
12 approval to the court of quarter sessions by the board of school  
13 directors. Where a three region plan is approved, three school  
14 directors who reside in each region shall be elected or  
15 appointed as hereinafter provided by and from each region and at  
16 all times each region shall be represented by three directors  
17 elected or appointed as hereinafter provided from that region.  
18 Where a nine region plan is approved, one school director who  
19 resides in each region shall be elected or appointed as  
20 hereinafter provided by and from each region and at all times  
21 each region shall be represented by a director elected or  
22 appointed as hereinafter provided from that region.]

23 (1) The interim operating committee or the board of school  
24 directors may develop a plan to elect school directors from  
25 regions or to elect some school directors at large and some from  
26 regions. Such a plan may also be developed by the resident  
27 electors of a school district as provided herein and shall have  
28 the same effect as one developed by the board of school  
29 directors.

30 (2) Electors equal to at least twenty-five (25) per centum

of the highest vote cast for any school director in the last  
municipal election may develop a plan to elect school directors  
from regions or to elect some school directors from regions and  
some from the school district at large. Plans proposed by  
electors shall be subject to the same requirements as plans  
proposed by the board of school directors.

(3) The boundaries of the regions shall be fixed and  
established in such manner that the population of each region  
shall be as nearly equal as possible and shall be compatible  
with the boundaries of election districts. Such plan for the  
division of the school district shall be submitted for approval  
to the court of common pleas. If approved by such court, the  
clerk thereof shall certify the regional boundaries contained  
therein to the county board of elections. In the event of any  
division, redivision, alteration, change or consolidation of  
election districts which renders regional boundaries  
incompatible with the boundaries of election districts, a new  
plan shall be developed and submitted for court approval in like  
manner. Any proposed change in an approved plan, including  
abolition of regional representation, shall be submitted for  
approval to the court of common pleas by the board of school  
directors, or by a petition of the resident electors within the  
district. Where a region plan is approved, school directors who  
reside in each region shall be elected by and from each region.  
At all times each region shall be represented by directors  
elected or appointed from that region. Where a combination at  
large and region plan is approved, all regions shall have an  
equal number of school directors who reside in each region and  
who shall be elected or appointed by and from each region. At  
all times each region shall be represented by a director or

1 directors elected or appointed from that region. All plans shall  
2 provide that three school directors shall be elected at each  
3 municipal election. In a combination at large and region plan,  
4 the number of regions shall be three. In a region plan not  
5 combining at large directors, the number of regions shall be  
6 three or nine.

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8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.