

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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D. W. SNYDER, MARCH 22, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 22, 1993

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 of  
6 members of the board for 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.

1 Appointing or dismissing district superintendents, assistant  
2 district superintendents, associate superintendents, principals,  
3 and teachers.

4 Appointing tax collectors and other appointees.

5 Adopting the annual budget.

6 Levying and assessing taxes.

7 Purchasing, selling, or condemning land.

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

9 Dismissing a teacher after a hearing.

10 Creating or increasing any indebtedness.

11 Adopting courses of study.

12 Establishing additional schools or departments.

13 Designating depositories for school funds.

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

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

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

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

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

1 construction or a substantial addition as defined in section  
2 701.1.  
3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.