
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 502 Session of
2003

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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," further providing for number and
6 election of board of school directors in school districts of
7 the second, third and fourth classes and for terms of their
8 offices.

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

11 Section 1. Section 303(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
12 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
13 amended December 17, 1982 (P.L.1378, No.316), is amended to
14 read:

15 Section 303. Number and Election in Districts of the Second,
16 Third and Fourth Classes; Terms of Office.--(a) (1) In each
17 school district of the second class, and on and after July 1,
18 1966, or if there is advance establishment July 1, 1964, or July
19 1, 1965, as the case may be, in each school district of the
20 second, third and fourth class, there shall be a board of nine

1 (9) school directors, who, except as otherwise provided in this
2 act, shall be elected at large for terms of six (6) years. The
3 terms of three of the members shall expire on the first Monday
4 of December of each odd numbered year, as now provided by law.
5 At each municipal election, three school directors, except as
6 otherwise provided in this act, shall be elected at large for
7 terms of six (6) years. Their terms of office shall begin on the
8 first Monday of December following their election.

9 (2) Beginning with the terms to be filled at the municipal
10 election held in 1979 and each odd numbered year [thereafter]
11 through 2001, the terms of school directors so elected shall be
12 four (4) years, except that at the municipal election in 1983,
13 five (5) school directors shall be elected for terms of four (4)
14 years and one (1) for a term of two (2) years. At the municipal
15 election in 1985 and every four (4) years [thereafter] through
16 1999, four (4) directors shall be elected for terms of four (4)
17 years. At the municipal election in 1987 and every four (4)
18 years [thereafter] through 2001, five (5) directors shall be
19 elected for terms of four (4) years. The board shall select by
20 lot, prior to the time for filing of nomination petitions, the
21 vacancy that is to be filled for a two (2) year term in 1983.

22 (3) Beginning with the terms to be filled at the municipal
23 election held in 2003, the terms of school directors so elected
24 shall be six (6) years, except that at the municipal election in
25 2003 and every six (6) years thereafter, five (5) directors
26 shall be elected for terms of six (6) years. At the municipal
27 election in 2005 and every six (6) years thereafter, four (4)
28 directors shall be elected for terms of six (6) years.

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