THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2322 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY MUSTELLO, TOPPER, JAMES, DONATUCCI, ROWE, BERNSTINE, KENYATTA, BURNS, YOUNGBLOOD AND READSHAW, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in school districts, further providing for how constituted.

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

Section 1. Section 201 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to read:

Section 201. How Constituted.---(a) All school districts shall remain as now constituted until changed as authorized by this act. Except as otherwise now or hereafter constituted, each city, incorporated town, borough, or township in this Commonwealth, now existing or hereafter created, shall constitute a separate school district, to be designated and known as the "School District of .........................:" Provided, That where any city, incorporated town, borough, or
township, or a part of the school district remaining after its
separation would constitute a third or fourth class school
district, it shall remain a part of the school district to which
it formerly belonged until the change to a new school district
is approved by the Council of Basic Education, as hereinafter
provided.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), a
school district in this Commonwealth may change its name by a
majority vote of the local board of school directors of the
school district and with approval of the Department of
Education. After a majority vote of the local board of school
directors approving the name change, the school district shall
report the name change to the Department of Education. The
Department of Education shall review and approve the name change
within thirty (30) days of the school district reporting under
this subsection if the new name of the school district is not a
duplication of the name of another school district in this
Commonwealth. Upon approval, the Department of Education shall
issue a certificate stating the approved name of the school
district has been registered as the official designation of the
school district.

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