
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

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," in school districts, further
6 providing for how constituted.

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

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

12 Section 201. How Constituted.--(a) All school districts
13 shall remain as now constituted until changed as authorized by
14 this act. Except as otherwise now or hereafter constituted, each
15 city, incorporated town, borough, or township in this
16 Commonwealth, now existing or hereafter created, shall
17 constitute a separate school district, to be designated and
18 known as the "School District of:"

19 Provided, That where any city, incorporated town, borough, or

1 township, or a part of the school district remaining after its
2 separation would constitute a third or fourth class school
3 district, it shall remain a part of the school district to which
4 it formerly belonged until the change to a new school district
5 is approved by the Council of Basic Education, as hereinafter
6 provided.

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

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