

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 232 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY MUSTELLO, STRUZZI, ROWE, PISCIOTTANO AND HILL- EVANS, JANUARY 25, 2021

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 11, 2021

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 TWO-THIRDS vote of the local board of school directors <--
10 of the school district and with approval of the Department of
11 Education. The local board of school directors shall hold at
12 least one public hearing on the proposed name change and
13 determine the estimated cost associated with the name change.
14 After a majority TWO-THIRDS vote of the local board of school <--
15 directors approving the name change, the school district shall
16 report the name change to the Department of Education. The
17 report of the name change must be received by the Department of
18 Education by July 31 to be effective for the upcoming school
19 year and shall include a certified copy of the resolutions
20 adopted by the board of local school directors approving the
21 name change. The Department of Education shall review and
22 approve the name change within thirty (30) days of the school
23 district reporting under this subsection if the new name of the
24 school district is not a duplication of the name of another
25 school district in this Commonwealth. Upon approval, the
26 Department of Education shall issue a certificate stating the
27 approved name of the school district has been registered as the
28 official designation of the school district.

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