

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 232 Session of 2021

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

SENATOR MARTIN, EDUCATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

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)~~ (B) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection <--
8 (a), a school district of the third class that is located within
9 a county of the fourth class or sixth class in this Commonwealth
10 may change its name by a two-thirds vote of the local board of
11 school directors of the school district and with approval of the
12 Department of Education. The local board of school directors
13 shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed name
14 change and determine the estimated cost associated with the name
15 change. After a two-thirds vote of the local board of school
16 directors approving the name change, the school district shall
17 report the name change to the Department of Education. The
18 report of the name change must be received by the Department of
19 Education by July 31 to be effective for the upcoming school
20 year and shall include a certified copy of the resolutions
21 adopted by the board of local school directors approving the
22 name change. The Department of Education shall review and
23 approve the name change within thirty (30) days of the school
24 district reporting under this subsection if the new name of the
25 school district is not a duplication of the name of another
26 school district in this Commonwealth. Upon approval, the
27 Department of Education shall issue a certificate stating the
28 approved name of the school district has been registered as the
29 official designation of the school district.

30 (2) THIS SUBSECTION SHALL EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022. <--

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.