

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2322 Session of
2020

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 23, 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. 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 vote of the local board of school directors
15 approving the name change, the school district shall report the
16 name change to the Department of Education. The Department of
17 Education shall review and approve the name change within thirty
18 (30) days of the school district reporting under this subsection
19 if the new name of the school district is not a duplication of
20 the name of another school district in this Commonwealth. Upon
21 approval, the Department of Education shall issue a certificate
22 stating the approved name of the school district has been
23 registered as the official designation of the school district.

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