THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 2 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial 3 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in school directors, providing for ineligibility for office of school director for delinquent 5 6 tax obligations. 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known 11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a 12 section to read: Section 323.1. Ineligibility for Office of School Director 13 for Delinguent Tax Obligations. -- (a) An individual who is 14 15 delinguent in a tax obligation shall not be eligible to hold the 16 office of school director in this Commonwealth.
- 17 <u>(b) The following shall apply:</u>
- 18 (1) An objection to the candidacy of an individual for
- 19 office of school director who is not eligible for office of
- 20 school director as specified under subsection (a) may be

- 1 presented to the court under subdivision (c) of Article IX of
- 2 the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the
- 3 "Pennsylvania Election Code."
- 4 (2) An objection to the title of office of school director
- 5 for an individual who is not eliqible for office of school
- 6 <u>director as specified under subsection (a) may be tried by</u>
- 7 proceedings of quo warranto as provided by law.
- 8 (c) This section shall apply as follows:
- 9 (1) To a candidate for the office of school director.
- 10 (2) To an individual elected to the office of school
- 11 director on and after the effective date of this paragraph.
- 12 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
- 13 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless_
- 14 the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 15 "Delinquent." A failure to satisfy a tax obligation for two
- 16 (2) years or more and for which no legal process contesting the
- 17 tax obligation is pending.
- 18 "Tax obligation." The obligation to pay school real property
- 19 taxes assessed against an individual's primary residence or
- 20 business located in the individual's school district of
- 21 residence.
- 22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.