

Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended by adding, after section 1514, a new section to read:

Section 1515. Religious Literature.—(a) Courses in the literature of the Bible and other religious writings may be introduced and studied as regular courses in the literature branch of education by all pupils in the secondary public schools. Such courses shall be elective only and not required of any student.

(b) Such courses shall be prepared and adopted according to age levels by the Department of Public Instruction with the advice and counsel of the Council of Basic Education and the approval of the State Board of Education.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

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No. 443

AN ACT

HB 517

Amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P. L. 1050), entitled "An act relating to the collection of taxes levied by counties, county institution districts, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships, certain school districts and vocational school districts; conferring powers and imposing duties on tax collectors, courts and various officers of said political subdivisions; and prescribing penalties," providing for the time of fixing the compensation of certain tax collectors.

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

Section 1. Section 34, act of May 25, 1945 (P. L. 1050), known as the "Local Tax Collection Law," is amended to read:

Section 34. Compensation of Tax Collector in First Class Townships.—The township treasurer shall receive for his duties as treasurer and tax collector for the township, a sum equal to five per centum of all township taxes received or collected by him, and in addition thereto, a sum equal to one per centum on all other moneys received or collected by him for the township, unless a different rate or annual compensation shall be fixed by ordinance of the township commissioners: [finally

adopted thirty days prior to his election:] Provided, That in no case shall the total compensation of the treasurer, as treasurer and tax collector for the township, exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars. The township treasurer as collector of township taxes shall be allowed such actual printing and postage expenses as shall be incurred in performing the duties prescribed in this act. Such amounts shall be adjusted by the township auditor or controller, as the case may be, at the time of auditing the treasurer's account.

The compensation of the township treasurer as collector of county and institution district taxes shall be fixed by the county commissioners, and shall not exceed five per centum of the amount collected.

The commission or compensation of the township treasurer, as collector of school district taxes, shall be fixed by the board of school directors, and shall not exceed five per centum of the amount collected. The total cost of such collection shall be reported annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and shall be published in his report.

For the collection of county, institution district and school taxes, the tax collector shall be allowed by the respective taxing authorities actual and needful expenditures for printing, postage, books, blanks and forms.

Section 2. Section 36.1 of the act, amended March 14, 1961 (P. L. 64), is amended to read:

Section 36.1. When any taxing district or taxing authorities propose to either raise or reduce the compensation or salary for the office of an elected tax collector, such action shall be by ordinance or resolution, finally passed or adopted [at least two days prior to the last day fixed by law for candidates to withdraw their names from nomination previous to the day] prior to the fifteenth day of February of the year of the municipal election.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

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No. 444

AN ACT

HB 581

Amending the act of June 1, 1959 (P. L. 350), entitled "An act relating to the retirement of public school employees; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing for actuarial investigations and granting additional authority to the Public School Employees' Retirement Board.