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No. 355.

AN ACT

Relative to certain school districts in Jefferson, Indiana, Cambria, Westmoreland, Blair, Carbon, Schuylkill, Bedford, Chester, Delaware, Washington and Northampton counties; relative to supplying the several schools of the commonwealth with the state maps; and providing for a public high school, and for the education of colored children in the city of Pittsburgh.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the farm and premises of Charles P. Cumming, in Pine Creek township, Jefferson county, and which adjoins the borough of Brookville, on the east, be hereafter attached to the borough of Brookville, in Jefferson county, for school purposes; and that the same be subject to the same taxation for the purposes aforesaid, as other property now in said borough of Brookville, is now subject.

SECTION 2. That the property of Wilson M'Donald, situate part in Centre and part in White townships, in the county of Indiana, be and the same is hereby annexed to the said township of White, for school purposes; and that the same be subject to the same taxation for the purposes aforesaid, as other property in said township of White, is now subject.

SECTION 3. That hereafter that part of the townships of Allegheny and Clearfield, in the county of Cambria, embraced within the following described boundaries, to wit: commencing at a birch tree near the Clearfield creek, in Allegheny township; thence north thirty-six degrees west one hundred and fifty-nine and six-tenths perches to a spruce tree; thence north thirty-five degrees east two hundred and seventy-five perches to a post in Clearfield township; thence south forty-six and a half degrees east one hundred and eighty perches to a post; thence south thirty-eight degrees west three hundred and sixteen perches to the place of beginning, be and is hereby constituted a separate school district; and the fifth section of an act relative to the Towanda academy, the Union academy of Doylestown, the Reading academy, and to

certain school districts in Indiana, Clearfield, Union and Westmoreland counties, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That the farm of Thomas Elder, now composing a part of the Harmony school district, in Westmoreland county, shall hereafter be attached to and compose a part of the Union school district, in Westmoreland county.

SECTION 5. That the farm of James A. M'Cahan, in Blair township, Blair county, be hereafter attached to the borough of Gaysport in said county, for all school purposes.

SECTION 6. That from and after the passage of this act, all that part of Lausanne and Bank townships, in the county of Carbon, included within the following boundaries, namely: beginning at a point on the Lausanne and Packer township line; thence north sixty degrees east six hundred and twenty-five perches to a post; thence south thirty degrees east five hundred and sixty perches to Quakeake creek; thence up Quakeake creek, to the said Lausanne and Packer township line; thence along said line to the place of beginning, shall and is hereby declared to be a separate school district, to be called the Weatherly school district.

SECTION 7. That all that part of West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, lying within the boundaries hereinafter mentioned, to wit: beginning at the south-west corner of William H. Moyer's plantation; thence eastwardly including the same, and along the boundary lines of the following plantations, viz: George and Andrew Kimmel, Daniel Miller, William and Daniel Fegely, Joseph Albright, Andrew Kimmel and Charles Fegely, to intersect the township line of West and East Brunswick townships; thence along said township line northwardly including the following plantations, to wit: Lewis Marburger, Rev. Philip Moyer, Peter Albright and Charles Jones, to the north-east corner of the said Charles Jones' plantation; thence westwardly including the same and the following plantations, to wit: Joseph Kramer, the heirs of John Marburger, deceased, Abraham Albright and Samuel Kimmel, to intersect the boundary line of the borough of Orwigsburg; thence southwardly along said borough line and the plantations of the said Samuel Kimmel and William K. Moyer, to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby erected into a separate school district, to be called Centre school district.

SECTION 8. That the farm and premises of John Baron, in Aire township, Bedford county, and which adjoins the borough of M'Conellsburg, be hereafter attached to the borough of M'Conellsburg, in Bedford county, for school purposes, and that the same be subject to the same taxation for the purposes aforesaid, as other property now in said borough of M'Conellsburg is now subject.

SECTION 9. That the farm and premises of Levi Bull shall hereafter be attached to East Nantmeal township, Chester county, for school purposes.

SECTION 10. That all that part of Salem township, in the county of Westmoreland, within the following boundaries, to wit: commencing on Pittsburg street on the west; thence along the township line to the Freeport road, including Jack and Hugus' farms; thence to Beaver run, up said run to Waugaman's farm, including said farm together with Robert A. Shields; thence along the Manor road to the Franklin township line, including S. Young, J. Wagerman, J. Richards, and part of J. D. M'Quilkin's farms; and thence along said line to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby erected into a separate and independent school district, with the name and title of "Salem borough district,"

Farm of Thomas Elder to be attached to Union school district, in Westmoreland county.

Farm of James A. M'Cahan attached to the borough of Gaysport, for school purposes.

Parts of Lausanne and Bank townships, Carbon county, constituted a separate school district, to be called Weatherly.

Part of West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, erected into a separate school district.

Farm and premises of John Baron attached to the borough of M'Conellsburg, for school purposes.

Farm and premises of Levi Bull attached to East Nantmeal, Chester county, for school purposes.

Part of Salem township, Westmoreland county, erected into a separate school district.

with full power to elect school directors, collect school tax, *et cetera*, conforming in all respects to the school laws of this commonwealth.

Village of Crookville, in Delaware county, erected into a separate school district.

SECTION 11. That the village of Crookville, in the township of Nether Providence, in the county of Delaware, be and the same is hereby erected into a separate school district, to be called Crookville district, and as such shall have power to elect all such officers, and have all the rights and privileges granted by law to other school districts; and the elections thereof shall be held at the school house in the said village, and on the day and in the manner provided by law for holding the elections in the adjoining districts; and the qualified citizens of said village shall at their first election elect six school directors for the said district, two to serve for one year, two to serve for two years, and two to serve for three years; the said election to be conducted by two qualified citizens chosen by such citizens qualified to vote as shall be present at the time for opening said elections, and the successors of the said directors shall hereafter be elected in the manner provided by law in other school districts.

Sub-school district, Hanover township, Washington county.

SECTION 12. That from and after the passage of this act, the territory within the bounds herein described shall form a sub-school district, which district shall be under the supervision of the directors of Hanover township, Washington county, viz: Commencing at the farm of William Gilliland, Robinson township, Washington county; thence to the farm of Jane M'Cartney, Findley township, Allegheny county; thence to the farm of David Gilliland, of the township and county aforesaid; thence to the farm of John Hammond, in Hopewell township, Beaver county; thence to the farm of William Patton, Hanover township, Beaver county; thence to the farm of James Hood, Hanover township, Washington county; thence to the farm of Thomas Bigger, esquire, Robinson township, and county aforesaid; thence to the place of beginning, including the above mentioned farms, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as are now in force governing sub-districts in other cases; and all school tax levied in said district shall be collected by the collector of the township of Hanover, Washington county, and distributed as is provided in similar cases by law: *Provided*, That the tax required to be paid by any person or persons under the act of twenty-seventh April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, relating to schools in Washington county, shall only include that levied on the property on which such person or persons reside.

Proviso.

Additions to the borough of Blairsville, Indiana county.

SECTION 13. That from and after the passage of this act the following described territory, contiguous to the borough of Blairsville, in the county of Indiana, viz: beginning at the south-west corner of said borough; thence south by Greer's lot and the Conemaugh river to Moorhead's line; thence east by said line to the south-east corner of Brainard's lot; thence north by Wynn's line to the line of said borough; and again beginning on the north side of said borough, on Walnut street, at the north-east corner of Royer and Hammill's lot; thence north by Walnut street sixty feet to the corner of the Lutheran grave yard; thence west two hundred and twenty-two feet to Royer and Hammill's line; and thence south sixty feet to the line of said borough, shall be included within the limits of said borough, which are hereby extended so as to embrace the territory aforesaid.

Part of East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, erected into a separate school district, to

SECTION 14. That all that part of East Brunswick township, in Schuylkill county, lying within the boundaries hereinafter mentioned, to wit: beginning on the Blue mountain at a spruce, corner of the Berks county line; thence by a straight line to a corner of John Seltzer's land; thence along the line of said land to a corner on the Red mountain; thence by a straight line to the house now occupied by Wil-

liam Bolig, including the same; thence by the same course until it intersects the line of the East Brunswick school district; thence along said line to the West Brunswick township line; thence along the said township line to the Berks county line; thence along said line to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby erected into a separate school district, to be called the South Brunswick school district.

SECTION 15. That the treasurer of York county, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the treasurer of the Manchester school district, in said county, for the use and support of the schools therein, all or any moneys now remaining in said county treasury, under and by virtue of the provisions of the act of April first, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An Act to establish a general system of education by common schools:" *Provided*, Said school directors produce proof to the commissioners of said county, that said township assessed a school tax, and became an accepting district in pursuance of the act of eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

Treasurer of York county authorized to pay certain moneys to the treasurer of the Manchester school district.

SECTION 16. It shall be lawful for the school directors of Hopewell township, York county, to levy and assess a tax for school purposes, which, when added to the state appropriation, shall be sufficient to keep open the schools in said township, not less than four nor more than eight months in each year.

Directors of Hopewell township, York county, authorized to assess tax, &c.

SECTION 17. That on the second Tuesday of June next, (if this act shall be adopted as hereinafter provided,) the school directors of each ward in the city of Pittsburg, shall elect one of their own number as controller of an institution, to be called "The public high school of Pittsburg," and to be a body corporate by that name; said controllers shall assemble on the Thursday next succeeding their election, and divide themselves into three classes; the first class to serve for one year, the second class for two years, and the third class for three years, so that at each subsequent election of controllers, which shall take place annually, on the first Monday of the next month after the regular election for school directors, there shall be a third part of the whole number of controllers chosen to serve for three years, unless the term of service of either of such controllers as school director shall sooner expire, in which event his term of office as controller shall also expire, and the vacancy thus occurring shall be filled by an election of the directors of the board from which such controller was originally chosen.

Public high school, Pittsburg.

Controllers to divide themselves into classes.

SECTION 18. That the said controllers shall perform the following duties: they shall purchase real estate and erect thereon a suitable building or buildings for said school, or rent or hire the same; they shall receive into said school such pupils, resident in said city, as are found on examination properly prepared, and who desire to prosecute a thorough business education in arts or sciences, not generally taught in the ward schools, or to qualify themselves for employment as teachers in such schools; they shall also examine such persons as shall present themselves for teachers in any of the public schools of said city, and if upon examination found worthy, shall give certificates of their qualification; they shall appoint the teachers of the public high school, and prescribe and regulate the course of study to be pursued therein; they shall determine what books of instruction shall be used in all the public schools of said city; the said controllers shall also provide one school or more when necessary, without reference to the boundaries of the wards, for the separate education of the colored children, to be located in a suitable situation, and appoint the teachers therefor.

Controllers, duties of.

SECTION 19. For the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the citizens on the questions hereinafter mentioned, a special election shall be held

Election as to the rejection of a

public high
school.

on the first Tuesday of June next, after ten days' public notice, under the superintendence of the school directors of each ward of said city, at each school house at which the citizens qualified to vote for school directors may offer tickets, written or printed on the outside "school" and "fund," which shall be deposited in separate boxes, and on the inside those favorable to the schools authorized by this act may have the words, "for a public high school," and those opposed, "against a public high school;" and those who are favorable to the current expenses of the ward schools being defrayed by a uniform assessment in all the wards, out of a common fund, may have the words, "for a common fund," and those opposed to that measure may have the words, "for a ward fund," and if a majority of the votes polled shall be in favor of a public high school, the proper measures shall be pursued as above specified, to organize the same; and if a majority of voters shall be in favor of a ward fund, the controllers shall from year to year fix the rate necessary to defray the expenses incurred by the schools authorized by this act, and the taxes shall be collected by a uniform assessment and levy of the same, on all property in said city made taxable for school purposes; and if a majority of the said voters shall be for a common fund, the directors of each ward and controllers shall meet together annually, and fix the rate of taxes to be assessed for the purpose of meeting all the current expenses of the ward schools and the schools authorized by this act, excluding all expenditures made or to be made for real estate, buildings or any thing pertaining thereto, belonging to said wards, which shall be paid and defrayed by the wards as heretofore.

Boundaries of
Mount Pleasant
sub-district, Lower
Saucon township,
Northampton
county.

SECTION 20. That hereafter the boundaries of Mount Pleasant sub-school district, in Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, be so changed as to include the premises of Joseph Stever, William Brader and Jacob Koch, and they are hereby attached to the said sub-school district, with all the rights and privileges that other citizens of said sub-district now have or hereafter may have.

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