

The board of school directors in such districts may annually, on or before the first Monday of July in each year, appoint one or more suitable persons, as delinquent tax collectors in said school district, to collect any and all school taxes from the collection of which the original tax collector has been exonerated, in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth, and which taxes still remain unpaid upon any of the school tax duplicates, other than such unpaid school taxes as shall have been filed as liens in the office of the prothonotary, or have been returned to the county commissioners for sale. Such delinquent tax collector or collectors shall, upon the certification over to him or them of such taxes so remaining unpaid, proceed to collect the same from the persons respectively charged therewith, for which purpose he or they shall have all the authority and power now vested by law in any collector of school taxes for the collection of such taxes. The board of school directors issuing the original warrants shall issue an additional warrant to the collector or collectors of such delinquent taxes so appointed.

Delinquent tax
collectors.

Collectors of delinquent school taxes so appointed shall give bond in the same manner as required of the original tax collector, and shall be paid such commissions or compensation as is paid the regular collector. Such commissions or compensation shall be paid by proper orders drawn on the school treasurer as other accounts are paid by the school district.

Fee.

Every such collector of delinquent school taxes shall be responsible and account to the board of school directors for all such taxes collected by him in like manner and in accordance with existing laws pertaining to school tax collections.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 481

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or

any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," providing for sabbatical leaves of absence for certain employes of school districts.

Act of May 18, 1911 (P. L. 309), amended by adding after section 1215 a new heading and section 1216.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," is hereby amended by adding thereto, after section one thousand two hundred and fifteen, a new heading and section to read as follows:

Sabbatical Leaves of Absence

Section 1216. (a) Whenever any person employed in the public school system of this Commonwealth shall have completed ten years of satisfactory service as a teacher, or, in first class school districts, as a member of the instructional staff or department of instruction, as now defined by the local board of education, such person shall be entitled to a leave of absence for restoration of health, study or travel, or, at the discretion of the board of school directors, for other purposes, for a half or full school year, at the option of such person. Thereafter, one leave of absence shall be allowed after each seven years of service.

(b) No leave of absence shall be granted unless such person shall agree to return to his or her employment with the school district for a period of not less than one year after such leave of absence.

(c) No such leave of absence shall be considered a termination or breach of the contract of employment, and the person on leave of absence shall be returned to the same or positions in the same school or schools he or she occupied prior thereto.*

(d) The person on leave of absence shall receive the difference between his or her regular salary and the salary paid to any substitute employe temporarily engaged because of such leave: Provided, That the employe who is absent on sabbatical leave shall not receive more than one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600), if the employe's absence on sabbatical leave is for a full year, and not more than eight hundred dollars (\$800), if the employe's absence on sabbatical leave is for a half school year, as defined in this act. The salary paid to such substitute shall be the salary for substitute service, according to the salary schedule established by the local board.

* In the original.

(e) Applications for leaves of absence shall be given preference, according to the years of service since the previous sabbatical leave of the applicant, and in accordance with regulations adopted by the board of school directors pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(f) No school district shall limit the number of leaves of absence granted in any school year to less than ten per centum of the number of persons eligible for such leave of absence regularly employed in such district: Provided, however, That schools which have a staff of seven or less teachers shall be permitted at least one leave of absence each year.

(g) Every person on leave of absence shall retain the right to make contributions as a member of the School Employes' Retirement Fund and continue his or her membership therein.

(h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any person on leave of absence from receiving a grant for further study from any institution of learning.

(i) A sabbatical leave granted to a regular employe shall also operate as a leave of absence without pay from all other school activities.

(j) Every employe, while on sabbatical leave of absence, shall be considered to be in regular full-time daily attendance in the position from which the sabbatical leave was taken, during the period of said leave, for the purpose of determining the employe's length of service and the right to receive increments, as provided by law.

(k) A member of the teaching or supervisory staff, while on sabbatical leave of absence, shall, for all purposes, be viewed in law as a full-time teacher, supervisor, principal or other full-time member of the teaching and supervisory staff, as the case may be, and while on sabbatical leave, he or she shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of an employe in regular full-time daily attendance in the position from which sabbatical leave of absence was granted, and during the period of said leave, the Commonwealth shall pay to the school district for each member of the teaching and supervisory staff thereof, who is on sabbatical leave of absence, the same per centum or share of salary provided for by law, as if the employe was in regular daily full-time attendance in the position from which the sabbatical leave of absence was taken, and in cases of employes of approved local or joint vocational, industrial vocational, home economics, and vocational agricultural schools or departments who are on sabbatical leave, the school district shall be reimbursed, as provided by law, for each of their full-time salaries just as though such employes were in daily attendance upon their respective duties.

(l) The board of school directors or board of public

education shall have the right to make such regulations as they may deem necessary to make sure that employes on leave, as provided by this act, shall utilize such leave properly for the purpose for which it was granted, requiring reports from the employe or employes on leave in such manner as they may deem necessary.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 482

AN ACT

To validate certain debts and obligations of school districts.

Debts of school districts.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever, prior to the effective date of this act, pursuant to section five hundred and eight of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," and its amendments, any school district of this Commonwealth shall have incurred a temporary debt or borrowed money, such indebtedness is hereby declared to have been validly incurred, and such money lawfully borrowed, and the certificates of indebtedness or obligations issued therefor to be binding obligations upon such school district, notwithstanding that said certificates of indebtedness or obligations were not issued under the seal of the district, if any, where not properly attested by the president and secretary of the board of directors of such district, and that it does not appear from the minutes of such board of school directors, or otherwise, that the incurring of the said debt and the authority to execute the said certificates of indebtedness or other obligations had received the vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of such board of school directors, and that such school district had not provided for the payment of the same from its current revenue: Provided, however, That it appears from the report of the auditors of such school district, or otherwise, that the proceeds of the sale or discount of the said certificates of indebtedness or obligations so issued were received by the said school dis-

Proviso.