

per teaching unit multiplied by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.

(4) In the case of high schools operated by union or merged districts, eight hundred dollars (\$800) per teaching unit multiplied by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.

In all cases, the supplemental payments specified in the foregoing shall be made only for organizations *established and operated in accordance with standards and regulations prescribed by the State Council of Education and approved by the Department of Public Instruction.*

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, when, because of sparsity of population, road or climatic conditions, or lack of other available high school facilities, the State Council of Education has approved the continued operation of a small high school, the district shall receive an amount based on a number of teaching units equal to the number of teachers approved by the State Council of Education as being required to provide a satisfactory educational program in such school, provided that the number of teachers employed is not less than the number approved.

For no year shall any school district or vocational school district receive less than the minimum subsidy per teaching unit.

Act effective
July 1, 1954.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four.

APPROVED—The 19th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 290

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by further regulating the financing of water supply through taxation, bond issues and charges upon benefited properties.

"The First Class
Township Code."

Clause XV of
section 1502 and
section 2601, act
of June 24, 1931,
P. L. 1206, as
reenacted,
amended and
revised by act
P. L. 1955,
of May 27, 1949,
further amended.

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

Section 1. Clause XV of section 1502 and section 2601 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," as reenacted, amended and revised by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of

May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1955), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners. The board shall have power—

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XV. Fire and Water Districts; Bond Issues and Taxes. To create, by ordinance, fire and water districts in any portion or portions of townships when, in their opinion, the same is necessary for the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of said township; to issue bonds restricted to the districts so created, for the purpose of procuring and maintaining the necessary supply of water to said district; and to levy such special tax restricted to said district as may be necessary to redeem any bonds so issued. [In lieu of the foregoing provisions relating to the issue of bonds] *To pay the cost or part of the cost of such water supply or water lines*, the township commissioners may charge for any such water supply or water lines by an assessment of a special water or fire tax on all surface properties or real estate located in the water or fire district, which tax shall be based on the assessment for county purposes as established for general taxation. Such tax may be levied for a single year or for a term of years as the township commissioners may determine, but in the case of fire districts shall not exceed two mills per annum, and shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes. [: Provided, also, That in lieu of the foregoing provisions, that] *In lieu of the foregoing provisions, or in order to defray part of the cost of such water supply or water lines*, in all cases where said township shall have established a water system and shall construct main water lines in said township, the board of township commissioners may charge the cost of construction of any municipal water lines or lateral lines, upon any streets or highways adjacent to main lines, or such portion of the cost of construction as the board may deem proper, upon the properties benefited or accommodated thereby. The ordinance, providing for such charge, shall be adopted by the board within six months from date of the final completion of such system of water lines. Said charges shall be assessed and collected in the manner provided in this act for the assessment and collection of charges for the construction of sewers.

Corporate powers.

Section 2601. Special Tax; Bond Issue.—The several townships are hereby empowered to levy and collect annually a tax upon all property, taxable for township purposes, not to exceed five mills on the dollar in any one year, for the purpose of creating and maintaining

a revolving fund, to be used by such township in making permanent street, sidewalk, *water lines*, or sewer improvements, and to pay contract prices for permanent street, sidewalk, *water lines*, or sewer improvements, prior to the collection of the cost and expense, or any part thereof, from the property owners adjoining or abutting thereon by such townships under existing laws. Any such revolving fund may also be begun by funds raised by the issuance of bonds of the township, in the manner provided by law, for the making of permanent street, sidewalk, *water lines*, and sewer improvements.

APPROVED—The 19th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 291

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," by abolishing the Fort Washington Park Commission and transferring its powers and duties to the Department of Forests and Waters.

"The Administrative Code of 1929."

So much of section 202 as relates to Department of Forests and Waters, of act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, as last amended by act of May 23, 1949, P. L. 1695, further amended.

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

Section 1. So much of section 202 as relates to the Department of Forests and Waters of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reor-