

board establishing joint schools or departments shall, at the annual meeting during the month of December, select one or more of its members who, with the members chosen in like manner in the other districts, shall constitute the joint school committee. This committee shall have all the powers and duties and be subject to all the liabilities with reference to the supervision, maintenance and regulation of such joint schools or departments as are now conferred or imposed by law upon school boards generally. The affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of this committee, duly recorded, showing how each member voted, shall be required in order to take action upon those subjects enumerated in section five hundred eight of this act. Failure to comply with the provisions of this act shall render void and unenforceable the acts of the joint school committee with reference thereto. The joint board and the joint school committee, if authorized, shall organize annually during the month of December by electing a president and secretary, and the expenses of maintaining the joint school or department shall be paid by warrant drawn on the joint board treasurer by the president and secretary of the joint board or the joint school committee.

Whenever two or more boards of school directors, who are at the time members of a joint board operating a joint school or department, join with other boards of school directors in the formation of a joint school committee operating a vocational or technical school, the joint committee may be formed as may be agreed: Provided, That each joint school or department have at least one member on the joint school committee.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of August, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 116

AN ACT

Amending the act of August ten, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1163), entitled as amended "An act relating to the orphans' court; conferring exclusive jurisdiction on such courts over the administration and distribution of decedents' estates, trust estates, minors' estates, and absentees' estates; conferring concurrent jurisdiction over the administration and distribution of incompetents' estates and the determination of title to real estates in certain cases; providing for the organization of orphans' courts, the procedure therein, the powers and duties of the judges thereof, and appeals therefrom," conferring on orphans' courts exclusive jurisdiction of all manner of proceedings affecting birth records.

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

Section 1. Clause (15) of section three hundred one, act of August ten, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1163), known as the "Orphans' Court Act of 1951," is amended to read:

Section 301. Exclusive Jurisdiction.—The orphans' court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of:

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(15) Birth Records. [Matters relating to birth records, as provided by law.] *All proceedings which may be necessary to be presented to a court for determination with regard to issues concerning recordation of birth and birth records or the alteration, amendment or modification of such birth records or the right to obtain a certified copy of the same. Whenever a person is entitled to take an appeal from the action of the Department of Health in connection with any matters concerning birth records the appeal shall be taken to the orphans' court of the county in which the person is a resident. In all other matters in which a petition is addressed to a court in connection with matters of birth records, the filing of which petition is not in the nature of an appeal but is an original proceeding, shall be filed and determined by the orphans' court of the county in which the petitioner resides.*

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APPROVED—The 4th day of August, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 117

AN ACT

Regulating the recording of all instruments in writing by the Commissioner of Records in the City of Philadelphia, and repealing inconsistent laws.

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

Section 1. The Commissioner of Records in the City of Philadelphia shall maintain a day book, or direct index book, in which shall be noted the date of the recording of all instruments, the book number and page number of recording and an identifying number.

Section 2. The Commissioner of Records in the City of Philadelphia shall issue a receipt for all instruments, which receipt shall contain the date of payment, an identifying number and the amount of the fee charged.

Orphans' Court Act of 1951.

Clause (15), section 301, act of August 10, 1951, P. L. 1163, amended.

Duties of the Commissioner of Records in the City of Philadelphia.

Required to keep day book of all instruments presented for recording.

Duty to issue receipt for instruments presented for recording.