

sufficient population to entitle it to an advance to another class of district and has since increased in population, a census of the district may be authorized by the board of school directors of the district, and, if it shall appear that said district has not the required population to remain in the class in which the same then is or if it shall appear that the district has sufficient population to entitle it to advance to another class of district, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, *on the request of the board of school directors and upon receipt of the facts disclosed by said census*, may issue his proclamation declaring such district to be of the class to which it properly belongs, as disclosed by the census of the school board.

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APPROVED—The 11th day of August, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 218

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 571), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to assessment for taxation in counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; designating the subjects, property and persons subject to and exempt from taxation for county, borough, town, township, school, except in cities and county institution district purposes; and providing for and regulating the assessment and valuation thereof for such purposes; creating in each such county a board for the assessment and revision of taxes; defining the powers and duties of such boards; providing for the acceptance of this act by cities; regulating the office of ward, borough, town and township assessors; abolishing the office of assistant triennial assessor in townships of the first class; providing for the appointment of a chief assessor, assistant assessors and other employes; providing for their compensation payable by such counties; prescribing certain duties of and certain fees to be collected by the recorder of deeds and municipal officers who issue building permits; imposing duties on taxables making improvements on land and grantees of land; prescribing penalties and eliminating the triennial assessment," exempting certain properties from taxation.

The Fourth to the Eighth Class County Assessment Law.

Clause (3), subsection (a), section 202, act of May 21, 1943, P. L. 571, amended.

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

Section 1. Clause (3) of subsection (a) of section 202, act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 571), known as "The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law," is amended to read:

Section 202. Exemptions from Taxation.—(a) The following property shall be exempt from all county, bor-

ough, town, township, road, poor, county institution district and school (except in cities) tax, to wit:

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(3) All hospitals, universities, colleges, seminaries, academies, associations and institutions of learning, benevolence or charity, *including fire and rescue stations*, with the grounds thereto annexed and necessary for the occupancy and enjoyment of the same, founded, endowed and maintained by public or private charity: Provided, That the entire revenue derived by the same be applied to the support and to increase the efficiency and facilities thereof, the repair and the necessary increase of grounds and buildings thereof, and for no other purpose.

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DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 219

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing for continuing operation of joint school systems when one or more member districts fail to unite with other member districts in the formation of a union or merged school district.

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

Public School Code of 1949.

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 1707, a new section to read.

Act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended by adding a new section 1707.1.

*Section 1707.1. Joint School System Operated by Union or Merged School Districts and Other Districts.—If one or more of the districts operating a joint school system fails to unite with the other member districts in the formation of a union or merged school district, the joint school organization shall continue in operation as a joint school system of the newly formed union or merged school district and the remaining districts unless discontinued under the provisions of section 1708, and the several school boards constituting the joint organization shall, prior to the effective date of the union or merged district, amend the articles of agreement to provide for an equitable plan for the continued operation of the joint school organization. In cases in which the member districts have failed, by the effective date of the union or merged district, to amend the joint agreement*