

ties of near or adjacent cities, boroughs, or townships, either for mutual aid or assistance in police and fire protection, or for the furnishing to, or receiving from, such cities, boroughs, or townships, aid and assistance in police and fire protection, and to make appropriations therefor: Provided, That in connection with such contracts, it shall not be necessary to advertise for bids or receive bonds as required for other contracts under existing law. *When any such contract has been entered into the police, firemen or fire police of the employing city, borough or township shall have all the powers and authority conferred by law on city, borough or township police, firemen or fire police in the territory of the city, borough or township which has contracted to secure such service.*

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APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 214

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further regulating hearings concerning bridge construction before courts of quarter sessions and notices of such hearings.

Second Class  
County Code.

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

Section 2773, act  
of July 28, 1953,  
P. L. 723,  
amended.

Section 1. Section 2773, act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), known as the "Second Class County Code," is amended to read:

Section 2773. Hearing and Decree.—(a) Upon the filing of any such application or petition, the court shall fix a time for the hearing of the same. Notice of the time, place and purpose of said hearing shall be given by an advertisement published [once a week for three successive weeks in at least one newspaper] *at least ten days prior to the hearing in two newspapers* of general circulation in the county [and by handbills posted in conspicuous places along or in the neighborhood of the proposed bridge and its approaches, or otherwise, as the court shall direct], *which notice shall briefly describe the location of the bridges and approaches thereto proposed to be constructed and the time, place and purpose of said hearing. Upon the hearing thereof, the court may, for proper cause shown, disapprove the petition;*

*otherwise, it shall approve the same and order that said bridge and approaches thereto be constructed in accordance with the plans and surveys accompanying the petition. Thereupon, any original location, relocation, opening, widening, straightening, extension, alteration or vacation of any bridge and approaches thereto \*shall be as set forth in said proceedings and the right to proceed with such construction shall become absolute.*

(b) The court shall make an order fixing a time, not less than ten days thereafter, for the filing of exceptions thereto. Upon the hearing thereof, the court may, for proper cause shown, disapprove of said application; otherwise, it shall make an order approving the location and the plans and surveys therefor and authorize such county to construct such bridge and its approaches and to let a contract or contracts therefor under specifications to be prepared by the county engineer or other proper county authority. Thereupon, the said bridge and its approaches shall be deemed to be laid out and opened in accordance with the surveys and plans accompanying said petition.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 215

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," further providing for distressed districts, the appointments of members of boards of control and their compensation and removal.

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

Public School  
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 691, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added December 15, 1959 (P. L. 1842), is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read:

Subsection (a),  
section 691, act  
of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
added December  
15, 1959, P. L.  
1842, amended  
by adding a new  
clause (7).

Section 691. When District Distressed.—(a) A school district shall be deemed to be distressed when any one of the following circumstances shall arise and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, after proper investigation of the district's financial condition, the

\* "shall" not in original.