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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in preliminary provisions, further
6 providing for publication of notices and proofs of
7 publication.

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

10 Section 1. Section 106 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
11 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to
12 read:

13 Section 106. Publication of Notices, etc.; Proofs of
14 Publication.--(a) Whenever, under the provisions of this act,
15 notice is required to be published in one newspaper, such
16 publication shall be made as follows:

17 (1) in a newspaper of general circulation as defined by the
18 "Newspaper Advertising Act" of May sixteen, one thousand nine
19 hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1784), printed in the
20 county[, unless the matter in connection with which the

1 advertising is being done affects only a school district, in
2 which case such advertisement shall be published in a newspaper
3 printed in such school district, if there is such a newspaper,
4 and if not, then in a newspaper circulating generally in such
5 school district. If such notice is required to be published in
6 more than one newspaper, it shall be published in at least one
7 newspaper of general circulation, defined as aforesaid, printed,
8 if there be such a newspaper, or circulating generally, as above
9 provided, in the school district.] in which the school district
10 is located;

11 (2) in a newspaper printed in the school district, if there
12 is such a newspaper;

13 (3) in a newspaper circulating generally in the school
14 district;

15 (4) in a legal newspaper designated by the rules of court of
16 the county in which the school district is located for the
17 publication of legal notices and advertisements;

18 (5) on the school district's official, publicly accessible
19 Internet website using hypertext markup language (HTML) format
20 or an equivalent language format;

21 (6) on the official, publicly accessible Internet website of
22 a newspaper listed in paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (4), using HTML
23 format or an equivalent language format;

24 (7) in a community paper of mass dissemination. For purposes
25 of this paragraph, a "community paper of mass dissemination"
26 shall mean a locally circulated printed publication that is at
27 least four pages long, is issued on at least a weekly basis and
28 is distributed by audited carriers to all known addresses within
29 a political subdivision; or

30 (8) on a Statewide publicly accessible Internet website

1 maintained for this purpose by the Commonwealth, if the website
2 is established after the effective date of this paragraph.

3 [(b) When such notice relates to any proceeding or matter in
4 any court, or the holding of an election for the increase of
5 indebtedness, or the issue and sale of bonds to be paid by
6 taxation, such notice, in each school district, shall also be
7 published in the legal newspaper, if any, designated by the
8 rules of court of the proper county for the publication of legal
9 notices and advertisements: Provided, That auditors' statements,
10 summaries of auditors' statements, advertisements inviting
11 proposals for public contracts and for bids for materials and
12 supplies, or lists of delinquent taxpayers, shall be published
13 only in newspapers of general circulation, defined as
14 aforesaid.]

15 (b.1) If notice is required to be published in more than one
16 publication, the publication shall be made by at least two of
17 the means of publication listed in subsection (a).

18 (b.2) A school district may determine the appropriate means
19 of publication from the means of publication listed in
20 subsection (a).

21 (c) Proof of publication of any notice required to be given
22 by the posting of handbills or statements shall be made by
23 attaching an original copy of such handbill or statement as
24 actually printed and posted to an affidavit made by the person
25 posting such notice. Such affiant shall not be an interested
26 party or an employe of any person or persons interested in the
27 subject matter of said notice. His affidavit shall state where
28 and when the notices were posted and [where] the manner in which
29 the notice was published [in newspapers, as aforesaid]. A
30 printed copy, exactly as published [in said newspaper], shall be

1 securely attached to a similar affidavit of the publisher or his
2 designated agent.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.