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The use of public school facilities for community purposes shall be encouraged by the county boards of education. When written application has been made to the superintendent of schools, the county board shall provide for the use of the public school facilities for the presentation and discussion of public questions, public speaking, lectures, or for other civic, educational, social, or recreational purposes or church affiliated civic purposes, provided, however, that (a) such gatherings or meetings shall be open to the public; and (b) the county board may refuse the use of any school facility for the purposes stated above if it appears that such use may be likely to provoke or add to a public riot or breach of the peace, or create a clear and present danger to the peace and welfare of the county of the State. The county board may permit a partisan political organization which has polled ten percent or more of the entire vote cast in the State in the last preceding general election to use public school facilities for programs and meetings in relation to a political campaign for nomination or election to public office of any candidate or candidates. The county board of education is hereby authorized to allow, at its discretion, the use of public school facilities for religious purposes [upon the usual application and conditions while buildings in which religious services are usually conducted are being renovated, repaired, or built, provided the use of such facilities is to be temporary only and shall cease as soon as the buildings ordinarily used are renovated, repaired, or built] or other lawful purposes. Said school facilities are to be used for any of the purposes authorized by this section only at such times as will not interfere with regular school sessions or other bona fide school activities.

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The person or persons making application for the use of school facilities [for a public meeting] shall be responsible for all damage to the property [occurring at such meeting], ordinary wear and tear excepted, and upon failure of the person or persons to respond in damages for any such injury to the property, the county board of education may refuse all future applications by said person or persons for the use of the property until such injury is repaired, without expense to the board in charge of the property. It shall be the duty of the person or persons making application for the use of such school facilities [for a public meeting place] to place the [said] facilities after said [meeting] use in as clean a condition as [it was] *they were* before said [meeting] use, and any failure upon the part of said person or persons, to whom permission has been granted to [hold a meeting to place] use said facilities [after said meeting] *to leave them* in as clean a condition as they were when said facilities were turned over to said persons [for said meeting], will warrant said school authorities in refusing to allow any further use of said facilities to the same parties.

A reasonable charge for heating, lighting, and janitorial services for use of such facilities may be made.

SEC. 2. *And be it further amended*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

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