

CHAPTER 173.

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AN ACT to legalize the official acts of James T. Cragin, as town superintendent of schools of the town of Sterling, in the county of Polk.

(See supplement to local laws.)

CHAPTER 174.

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AN ACT to legalize the official acts of Frederick Egger, as justice of the peace in New Glaras, [Glarus,] Green county.

(See supplement to local laws.)

CHAPTER 175.

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AN ACT for the relief of Marathon county.

(See supplement to local laws.)

CHAPTER 176.

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AN ACT to establish a system of graded teachers' certificates, and to amend chapter 179 of the general laws of 1861.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Every applicant for a situation as teacher in any of the common schools of this state, shall be examined by the county superintendent of schools of Examination of applicants.

his county, in regard to moral character, learning, and ability to teach, and if found qualified, shall receive a certificate as hereinafter provided.

Three grades of certificates.

SECTION 2. There are hereby established three grades of teachers' certificates, to be known as certificates of the first, second and third grade, respectively, as the case may be. Each certificate shall show the branches of study in which the holder of the same has been examined; also, the relative attainment of the applicant in each branch.

Examinations in third grade.

SECTION 3. Every applicant for a certificate of the third grade, shall be examined in orthoepy, orthography, reading, penmanship, intellectual and written arithmetic, primary grammar and geography; and if found qualified, shall receive a certificate which shall entitle the holder to teach in the town for which he applies, for one year from the date thereof.

Examinations in second grade.

SECTION 4. Every applicant for a certificate of the second grade, shall be examined in all the branches required for a certificate of the third grade, and in addition thereto, in grammatical analysis, physiology, physical geography, elementary algebra, United States history, and theory and practice of teaching; and if found qualified, shall receive a certificate which shall enable the holder to teach in any town in the county in which he is examined, for one year from the date thereof.

Examinations in first grade.

SECTION 5. Every applicant for a certificate of the first grade, shall be examined in all the branches in which applicants for certificates of the second and third grades are examined, and in addition thereto, in higher algebra, natural philosophy and geometry; and if found qualified, shall receive a certificate which shall entitle the holder to teach in any town in the county for which he is examined, for two years from the date thereof.

Standard of attainments.

SECTION 6. The county superintendent of each county shall, under the advice and direction of the state superintendent, establish for his county the standard of attainments in each branch of study, which must be reached by each applicant, before receiving a certificate of either grade, and the standard so established shall be uniform for the county.

Teachers must have certificates.

SECTION 7. No school district clerk shall have power to contract with a teacher, unless such teacher shall have a certificate of qualifications in force at the time of making such contract; and when a district is com-

posed of parts of two or more counties, the clerk of said district shall not have power to contract with a teacher, unless such teacher shall have a certificate of qualifications signed by the superintendent of the county in which the school house is situated, and in force at the time of making such contract.

SECTION 8. Each county superintendent of schools may demand an examination in such additional branches as the applicant may be required to teach, and whenever he shall deem it necessary, may require a re-examination of any teacher in his county, for the purpose of ascertaining his or her qualifications to continue as such teacher.

Examinations in additional branches.

SECTION 9. The county superintendent may annul any certificate given by him or his predecessor in office, when he shall think proper, giving at least ten days' previous notice, in writing, to the teacher holding it, and to the district board of the district in which he may be employed, of his intention to annul the same.

Certificates may be annulled.

SECTION 10. The annulling of a certificate shall not disqualify the teacher to whom it was given, until a notice thereof, containing the name of the teacher, the time when the certificate was annulled, and the reason for such annulment, shall be filed by the county superintendent in the office of the town clerk of the town in which the person whose certificate is annulled is engaged in teaching.

When such annulment to disqualify teachers.

SECTION 11. All certificates of qualifications heretofore granted to teachers by any town superintendent, shall be null and void from and after the 15th day of April next; and no person shall, from and after that date, be held to be a qualified teacher, unless he shall have a certificate from the county superintendent of the county in which he resides, issued in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

When certificates of town superintendents to be void.

SECTION 12. Section 8 of chapter 179 of the general laws of 1861, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following provision: "Whenever, on account of sickness, absence from the county, or other cause, any person desiring a certificate of qualifications as a teacher, shall be unable to attend the examination as aforesaid, such person may be examined at any time by the superintendent, without giving the notice required in this section; and upon such examination, if found qualified, shall receive a certificate, which shall remain in

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force until the next regular meeting for examination of teachers in the inspection district in which such teacher is engaged in teaching: *provided*, that the county superintendent, before examining and licensing such applicant, may require of him or her satisfactory proof that the absence of such applicant from the last regular meeting for examination of teachers, in the inspection district in which he or she resided, was necessary and unavoidable upon the part of said applicant."

SECTION 13. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 177.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 302 of the private and local laws of 1861, entitled "an act to create the municipal court of the city and town of Ripon."

(*See supplement to local laws.*)

CHAPTER 178.

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AN ACT to repeal chapter 137 of the private and local laws of 1859, entitled "an act to incorporate the village of Winnecone, [Winneconne.]"

(*See supplement to local laws.*)