

CHAPTER 172.

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AN ACT to provide for the purchase of certain copies of Webster's dictionary, for the supply of deficient school districts of the state.

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

State superintendent to purchase.

SECTION 1. The state superintendent of public instruction, with the consent and approval of the governor, is hereby authorized to purchase on behalf of the state, one hundred copies of Webster's unabridged dictionary, edition of 1864, at a cost not exceeding eight dollars per copy.

How to be distributed.

SECTION 2. Such dictionaries, when purchased, shall be distributed by the state superintendent on receipt of the affidavit, in due form, (which shall be kept in his office,) of any town or district clerk, or city superintendent of schools, that such town, city or district, or any public school or department in the public schools thereof, has not yet been supplied by the state with a copy of the said dictionary, sending one dictionary for each public school or department thereof taught therein.

Shall belong to library, &c.

SECTION 3. Such dictionaries, when received by the several districts in this state, shall be considered as belonging to the libraries of the districts, and shall be subject to the same laws and regulations as other library books; but during the time a school shall be taught therein, they shall be and remain in the school rooms during the hours of school, for the exclusive use of the scholars and teachers of such schools, and under the control of the teachers or principals, who shall be responsible to the district for their loss, or for any unnecessary damage they may receive, the same as any other book of the district library.

Appropriation.

SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated out of the income of the school fund, a sum of money sufficient to pay for the dictionaries provided for in this act, and the state superintendent of public instruction shall certify to the state treasurer the amount of such expenditure.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 20, 1865.