

sion thereafter of the legislature. Such commissioners shall hold their place for a term of six years, unless sooner removed, except that of the six first commissioners to be appointed under this act the term of two shall expire April 1st, 1879; the term of two shall expire April 1st, 1880; and the term of the remaining two shall expire April 1st, 1881: *provided, however*, that the present commissioners shall continue to act until their successors are appointed as herein provided. The commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be repaid the expenses necessarily incurred by them while discharging their duties as such commissioners, and their accounts shall be audited and paid as now prescribed by law.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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### CHAPTER 300.

AN ACT to authorize commissioners of school and university lands to loan a portion of the trust fund to the county of Rock.

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

Loan authorized.

SECTION 1. The commissioners of school and university lands are hereby authorized to loan a portion of the trust funds of this state not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to the county board of the county of Rock, in this state, and the said board of supervisors is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars of said commissioners, and to issue to said commissioners certificates of the indebtedness so contracted. Said indebtedness shall bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and said interest shall be paid annually, together with not less than one-tenth of the principal sum until the whole is paid.

When payable.

Secretary of state to apportion amount due with state tax.

SECTION 2. Each and every year until the whole loan is paid the secretary of state shall, when he apportions state taxes among the several counties, add to the state tax which would be properly chargeable to said county of Rock, the annual interest due the state on said loan, together with ten per cent. of the principal

sum so loaned, and the same shall be levied and collected out of the taxable property of said county and paid over to the state in the same manner as other state taxes are collected and paid.

SECTION 3. The said board of supervisors of Rock county may at any time after three years from the time of making said loan redeem the full amount of said certificates of indebtedness which at the time of such redemption may remain unpaid, and upon the payment of said certificates the said commissioners shall cancel and return the same to the said board of supervisors. May repay loan previous to time limited.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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### CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT to cheapen the cost of supporting the common schools of the state.

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

SECTION 1. The superintendent of public instruction, R. E. Davis, of Dane county, George H. Paul, of Milwaukee county, George S. Albee, of Winnebago county, and John B. Quimby, of Sauk county, are hereby appointed and constituted a board of text book commissioners for the performance of the duties hereinafter specified in this act. Commissioners

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the passage and publication of this act, the board of commissioners, constituted as provided in the first section of this act, shall assemble at such time and place as shall be designated by the superintendent of public instruction, and when so assembled said board shall proceed to take into consideration the various propositions which have been hitherto submitted to the legislature of Wisconsin, relating to uniformity in text-books for the public schools of this state and the cost of such books, together with such other propositions as may be submitted to or originate with said board, having reference to uniformity and cost of text-books for the public schools of this state, and it shall be the further duty of said board to inquire and determine, from existing facts and Duties of commissioners.