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CHAPTER 360.

AN ACT, to prescribe and limit the duties and qualifications of city superintendent of schools in cities of the third class and to provide for his appointment by the school board or board of school commissioners; to provide for the proper supervision of public schools in cities of the third and fourth class.

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

Duty of city superintendent of schools; compensation. SECTION 1. In all cities of the third class there may be elected annually by the school board or the board of school commissioners a city superintendent of schools whose duties shall be: 1. To examine and license teachers according to the statutes of 1898 and laws amendatory thereto relating to the same; 2. To supervise the administration of the courses of study; 3. To have general supervision of the professional work of the schools of the city including the holding of teachers' meetings, and the promotion of pupils; 4. From time to time to make a written report to the school board embodying such recommendations relative to the employment of teachers, adoption of text books, changes in the courses of study, discipline, and such other matters as he may deem for the welfare of the city schools; 5. To make such other reports and to perform such other duties as the school board or board of school commissioners may direct and which are not in conflict with the provisions of this act. The school board or board of school commissioners shall determine the annual compensation to be paid said city superintendent of public schools from the school funds of said city.

Superintendent not to engage in other business. SECTION 2. This act shall apply to all cities of the third and fourth class whether said cities are governed by special charters or by the general charter, or are working under the district system of election and government of school affairs. Hereafter no city superintendent of schools shall engage in any other profession, occupation or pursuit, for such time and in such manner as shall interfere with the proper discharge of his duties as such

during the term for which he is elected. A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall subject the offender to removal from office; provided, that this section shall not be construed to bar any city superintendent of schools from being principal of or teaching in any school under his supervision.

City superintendent, how appointed; school board. SECTION 3. In all cities of the third and fourth class where the city superintendent of schools at the present time is elected or appointed, in some other manner or by some other body than the school board or board of school commissioners, the office shall cease to exist at the expiration of the term for which the present incumbent was elected, and the duties now prescribed for his office shall be provided for by the school board or board of school commissioners as follows: 1. The duties enumerated in section 1 of this act, formerly devolving on said city superintendent, shall be assumed by the superintendent elected or to be elected by the school board or board of school commissioners; if no city superintendent of schools be so chosen in cities of the third class, and in all cities of the fourth class, the high school principal shall assume and discharge said duties. In those cities within whose limits there shall be more than one high school, the board of education or board of school commissioners shall designate which principal shall assume and execute such duties. 2. The school board or board of school commissioners shall annually choose one of their own number chairman. 3. Said board shall elect a secretary, either of their own number, or not, to perform the clerical duties of the board at such compensation as they may name. The city superintendent of schools chosen by the school board or board of school commissioners shall not be eligible to membership on the school board, nor shall he be president or chairman of said board.

Eligibility, qualifications required. SECTION 4. No person shall be eligible to the office of city superintendent of schools whose legal qualifications are not equivalent to those required for the principalship of a four years high school.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 5. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 20, 1903.