

incorporated city or village to levy annually upon the property thereof as aforesaid, a tax sufficient to pay the interest upon such bonds and raise a sinking fund to pay the principal thereof when the same shall become due and payable.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 169.

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AN ACT creating a state board of examiners to issue state certificates of high grade to teachers of eminent qualifications.

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

May grant state certificate.

SECTION 1. The state superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized to grant state certificates to teachers, in the manner hereinafter provided.

Superintendent shall appoint examiners.

SECTION 2. The state superintendent shall, before each examination held under the provisions of this act, appoint three competent persons, residents of this state, who shall constitute a board of examiners and who shall, under rules and regulations, to be prescribed by the said superintendent, thoroughly examine all persons desiring state certificates in the branches of study in which applicants are now required to be examined by county superintendents for a first grade certificate, and in such other branches as the state superintendent and said examiners may prescribe.

If applicant is qualified, superintendent shall issue certificate

SECTION 3. If the examiners shall be satisfied that an applicant possesses the requisite scholarship in all the branches of the study before mentioned, they shall certify the fact to the state superintendent, and if such applicant shall furnish evidence of good moral character, experience and success in teaching, satisfactory to said superintendent, he shall thereupon issue to such applicant a certificate which shall be valid until revoked

and which shall qualify the holder to teach in any public school in any city, town or school district of this state, without any further examination by a city or county superintendent, or any other person or board whatsoever.

SECTION 4. Said certificate may be revoked by the state superintendent for incompetency or immoral conduct: *provided*, that before any such revocation, the holder shall be served with a written statement of the charges against him, and shall have an opportunity for defense. May revoke certificate.

SECTION 5. A meeting for the examination of applicants for state certificates shall be held at the capitol in the city of Madison, on the second Wednesday of August in each year; and additional meetings may be held at such times and places as the state superintendent shall prescribe. When meeting of examiners to be held.

SECTION 6. All moneys actually and necessarily expended by each member of the board of examiners in attending meetings for the examination of teachers, shall be refunded to him and he shall also receive three dollars per day for all time actually and necessarily spent in holding said meetings, or in going to or returning from the same. Accounts for such services and expenses shall be audited by the secretary of state; and there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to pay the amounts thus audited. Pay of examiners.

SECTION 7. The state superintendent shall record in a book kept for that purpose the date of each certificate issued, and the name, age and residence of the person to whom it was granted, and he shall file in his office for permanent preservation all papers relating to the examination of applicants for state certificates. Certificates to be recorded.

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