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CHAPTER 37.

AN ACT relating to the duties, qualifications and salary of the state superintendent.

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

Qualifications; oath of office. SECTION 1. No person shall be eligible to the office of state superintendent of public instruction, who shall not, at the time of his election thereto, have taught or supervised teaching in the state of Wisconsin, for a period not less than five years, and who shall not, at such time, hold the highest grade of certificate which the state superintendent is by law empowered to issue. He shall, within twenty days after he receives notice of his election, and before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office, which shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Supervisory duties generally. SECTION 2. He shall have general supervision over the common schools of the state, and it shall be his duty:

School work. 1. To ascertain, so far as practicable, the conditions of the public schools of the state; to stimulate interest in education; to spread as widely as possible, through public addresses, bulletins, and by conferences with school officers, teachers and parents, a knowledge of methods which may be employed to introduce desirable improvements in the organization, government and instruction of the schools:

School books. 2. To prohibit the use of sectarian books and sectarian instruction in the public schools; to advise in the se-

lection of books for school district libraries; to prepare as often as he shall deem necessary, a list of books suitable for school district libraries, and furnish copies of such lists to each town, village, or city clerk, or secretary of the board of education, and to each county or city superintendent, from which lists the above designated officers shall select and purchase all books for use in the school libraries of the state.

Educational meetings. 3. To attend such educational meetings and make such investigations as he may deem important, and such as may enable him to obtain information relating to the different systems of common schools in the United States, said information to be embodied in his biennial report to the state legislature.

Public sentiment. 4. To endeavor to arouse an intelligent interest among the people of the state in the general subject of industrial and commercial education, including manual training, agriculture, and domestic science, and to awaken and educate public sentiment for the suitable introduction of these subjects into the public schools, and to make such inspection and investigation as may be necessary for the intelligent supervision of the work therein.

Supervision. 5. To exercise general supervision over the establishment and management of county schools of agriculture and domestic science, manual training schools, county training schools for teachers, and the day schools for the deaf; to advise with the principals and local authorities thereof and to formulate courses of study for such schools; to embody in his biennial report or in special bulletins or circulars such statements, suggestions, and statistics as he may deem useful and for the information of the public.

Publications. 6. To revise, codify and edit the school laws from time to time, as circumstances may make necessary, and by lectures, circulars, correspondence, and public addresses, give the public information bearing upon the different systems of school organization and management, provided by law in this state; to prescribe rules and regulations for the management of school district libraries, and the penalty which may be imposed by district boards for any violation thereof; to prepare for the use of school officers suitable forms for making reports and conducting various proceedings necessary to the proper conduct of annual and special meetings; to prepare and publish

from time to time, as occasion may require, courses of study for ungraded, state graded, and free high schools, with such comments and instructions as may be deemed essential for an intelligent understanding thereof on the part of the school officers, teachers, and others interested; to compile, edit, and distribute to the schools annually, in pamphlet form, matter adapted to and suitable for the intelligent observance of Arbor and Bird day and of Memorial day; the printing of reports, pamphlets and circulars, published for any and all of these purposes, to be done by the state printer at the expense of the state.

Appeals. 7. To examine and determine all appeals, which by law may be made to him according to the rules regulating such matters, and to prescribe rules of practice in respect thereto, not inconsistent with law.

Educational works. 8. To collect in his office such school books, apparatus, maps, and charts, as may be obtained without expense to the state; to purchase at an expense not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars in any one year, to be paid out of the state treasury, works and periodicals bearing upon the different phases of education.

School fund income. 9. To apportion and distribute the school fund income as provided by law.

Copies of record. 10. To make copies when required by any person so to do, of any papers deposited or filed in his office, and of any act or decision made by him, and to certify the same, provided he may demand therefor twelve cents per folio, which fee shall be paid into the state treasury.

Report. 11. To prepare in each even numbered year a report to be delivered by him to the governor on or before the thirty-first day of December, containing:

1. An abstract of all the common school reports received by him from the several county and city superintendents.

2. A statement of the condition of the common schools, the state graded schools, the city graded schools, the free high schools and independent high schools, the manual training schools, the schools established for the purpose of giving instruction in agriculture and domestic science, the county training schools for teachers, the day schools for the deaf, the state normal schools and the state university, and such other schools as may be hereafter established by law.

3. Statements of the receipts and disbursements of all school moneys.

4. Plans for the improvement and better management and organization of all common and other schools.

5. A statement of his official visits to educational institutions of any kind, and of the work done by the different inspectors and officers provided for by law, and employed by him in the performance of the duties of the office, for the biennial period.

6. All such other matters relating to his office and the school system of the state, as he shall deem expedient to publish.

Teachers' institutes. 12. To exercise supervision over the teachers' institutes held in the different counties of the state, and with the advice and consent of the institute committee of the board of regents of normal schools, publish from time to time a syllabus and outline of work suitable to be done therein.

Annual convention. 13. To hold at least one convention annually at a convenient and accessible point in the state, for the purpose of consulting and advising with the county superintendents in regard to the supervision and management of the public schools.

Other duties. 14. To perform all other duties imposed upon him by law.

Annual salary. SECTION 3. The state superintendent shall receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 4. Section 164 and 166, chapter 11, of the statutes of 1898, and all other acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

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

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