of less than * * * *fourteen* thousand inhabitants according to the last official census preceding such election and further that it shall not disqualify any person who held such office in this state on or before the first day of January, 1917.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved May 27, 1921.

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CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT to amend subsection (3) of section 41.035, and subsection (3) of section 20.21 of the statutes, relating to classes for exceptional children, and making an appropriation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (3) of section 41.035 and subsection (3) of section 20.21 of the statutes are hereby amended to read: (41.035) (3) The state superintendent of public instruction shall appoint in his department * * *two* persons of suitable training and experience who shall have general supervision of such classes and who shall give special attention to examining, testing and classifying the pupils applying for admission to such special classes and perform such other duties as the state super-intendent may direct. Such supervisors shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 16.01 to 16.29, inclusive, of the statutes.

(20.21) (3) Annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1921, not to exceed * * * nine thousand * * * dollars to carry out the provisions of subsection (3) of section 41.035.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon July 1, 1921.

Approved May 27, 1921.

No. 422, S.]

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CHAPTER 302.

- AN ACT to create subsection (14) of section 34.02 and subsection (11) of section 20.12 of the statutes, relating to the centralized purchase of coal for the state by the state chief engineer, and making an appropriation.
- The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 34.02 and a new subsection is added to section 20.12 of the statutes to read:

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(34.02) (14) (a) The state chief engineer is exclusively authorized to and he shall:

First, select, purchase and test all coal and other solid fuel necessary to properly and efficiently operate each state owned or operated heating or heating and power plant wherein the annual requirement is in excess of fifty tons of such fuel;

Second, direct the quantity and time of shipments, and supervise the methods of receiving, handling, storing and use of such fuel at or in such plants;

Third, make such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary, not inconsistent with this subsection, to promote efficiency and economy in the purchasing, testing, handling, storing and use of such fuel;

Fourth, annually, on or before November first, furnish the state board of public affairs an estimate of the number of tons of such fuel necessary for each such state owned or operated plant for the ensuing fiscal year and the estimated delivered cost thereof.

(b) All contracts for the purchase of such fuel shall be on a competitive basis according to specifications prepared and publicly advertised by the state chief engineer, and no such contract shall be binding upon the state unless signed by the state chief engineer and approved by the governor. No payment for any such fuel delivered to any such plant, or for freight, switching. or hauling charges thereon, shall be made unless the written claim therefor is first approved by the state chief engineer. When such a claim is so approved it shall be audited and paid as are other claims against the state and shall be charged against the proper appropriation to the officer, department, board or commission charged with the control of the plant to or for which such coal was delivered.

(20.12) (11) Annually, beginning July 1, 1921, not to exceed eight thousand five hundred dollars for carrying into effect the provisions of subsection (14) of section 34.02. Of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1921, not to exceed four hundred dollars shall be available for paying bills incurred prior to July 1, 1921, for testing and securing and taking bids on coal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1921.

Approved May 24, 1921.