

Whereas, The National Government is fast disposing of all its lands in this state; therefore,

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

Commissioners of public lands authorized to secure swamp lands due the state.

SECTION 1. The commissioners of public lands are hereby authorized to investigate, select and secure all the indemnity swamp lands to which this state is or may hereafter be entitled as soon as practicable.

Appropriation for expenses.

SECTION 2. The accounts for all such expenses shall be approved by the commissioners of public lands, and on a warrant of the secretary of state to be paid from the general fund.

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

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CHAPTER 243.

AN ACT to codify and amend the laws relating to countersigning diplomas and life certificates.

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

Teachers' certificates granted by other states may be countersigned by state superintendent.

SECTION 1. Teachers' certificates granted by other states which are fully and fairly equivalent to the Wisconsin unlimited certificate, may be countersigned by the state superintendent upon the recommendation of the state board of examiners. The holder of such certificate shall furnish to the board of examiners such evidence of learning and good moral character, experi-

ence and success in teaching as is required for the unlimited state certificate.

SECTION 2. Any person holding a diploma granted upon the completion of a regular collegiate course of the state university, or upon the completion of the full course of any Wisconsin normal school, may present such diploma to the state superintendent to be countersigned. No diploma shall be countersigned except the holder thereof shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the state superintendent of good moral character and one year's successful teaching in a public school. The certificate granted upon the completion of the elementary course of any Wisconsin state normal school may be countersigned by the state superintendent. When countersigned it shall have the force and effect of a limited state certificate in this state; but no such certificate shall be countersigned unless satisfactory evidence be furnished the state superintendent of good moral character and successful experience in teaching a public school for eight months after the date of its issuance.

State superintendent authorized to countersign diplomas of university and normal school graduates.

SECTION 3. The holder of a diploma granted by any incorporated college or university, whose regular collegiate courses are fully and fairly equivalent to corresponding courses in the university of Wisconsin, and the holder of a diploma granted by a state normal school whose course of study is fully and fairly equivalent to the courses of study in the Wisconsin normal schools, may present such diploma, together with evidence of the required standing of the college, university or normal school granting the same, to the state board of examiners. The applicant shall furnish therewith testimonials of good moral character and of two years' successful teaching in a public school after the date of issue of said diploma. The diploma recommended favorably by said board shall be countersigned by the state superintendent. The holder of a diploma which is not countersigned, and which was granted upon the completion of a course of study accredited as herein provided,

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may be given a special license by the state superintendent to teach for one year in a public school upon the recommendation of the state board of examiners, made in pursuance of such examination as to learning, moral character and ability to teach as said board may require.

Countersigned diplomas and life certificates, equivalent to unlimited state certificates.

SECTION 4. All diplomas and life certificates provided for in the three preceding sections, when countersigned, shall have the force and effect given by law to the unlimited state certificate; provided, that any diploma described in section 2, shall have like force and effect for one year before it is countersigned.

State certificates may be revoked for incompetency or immoral conduct.

SECTION 5. Any state certificate, or its equivalent, may be revoked by the state superintendent for incompetency or immoral conduct; but 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.

SECTION 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 15, 1895.