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CHAPTER 388.

AN ACT amending chapter 360, laws of 1903, prescribing and limiting the duties and qualifications of city superintendents in all cities except cities of the first class and to provide for their appointment and for the proper supervision of the city schools.

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

Duties of city superintendent. SECTION 1. Chapter 360, laws of 1903, is hereby amended to read as follows: In all cities *except cities of the first class*, there may be elected annually by the *board of education* 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. * * *
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 *board of education or board of school commissioners, as the case may be*, embodying such recommendations relative to the employment of teachers, adoption of text-books, changes in the course of study, *enforcement of discipline*, and such other matters as *said superintendent* may deem for the *best interests and welfare* of the city schools.
5. To make such other reports and to perform such other duties as the *board of education* or board of school commissioners may direct and which are not in conflict with the provisions of this act. *The board of education* or the board of school commissioners shall determine the annual compensation of to be paid said city superintendent of public schools from the school funds of the city.

Qualifications of superintendent. SECTION 2. This act shall apply to all cities except those of the first class in which a city superintendent of schools is elected or appointed by the board

of education or the board of school commissioners, and no city superintendent of schools shall engage in any other profession or occupation or pursuit for such time or in such manner as shall interfere with the proper discharge of his duties as such superintendent during the term for which he is elected or appointed. A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall subject the offender to removal from office, provided that nothing in this act shall be construed to bar any city superintendent of schools from being principal of, or teaching in any school under his supervision, and 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 free high school having a course of study requiring four years for its completion.

School board of education, how composed. SECTION 3. The board of education or board of school commissioners in all cities except cities of the first class shall annually choose one of their own number to act as chairman and shall choose a secretary who may or may not be a member of the board. It shall be the duty of said secretary to be present at each board meeting; to keep in full in a book provided for that purpose, the minutes of such meeting and to perform any other clerical duties under the direction of the board at such compensation as the board may fix. It is further provided that said city superintendent of schools shall not be eligible to membership on the school board nor to act or be elected as president or chairman thereof.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved June 17, 1905.