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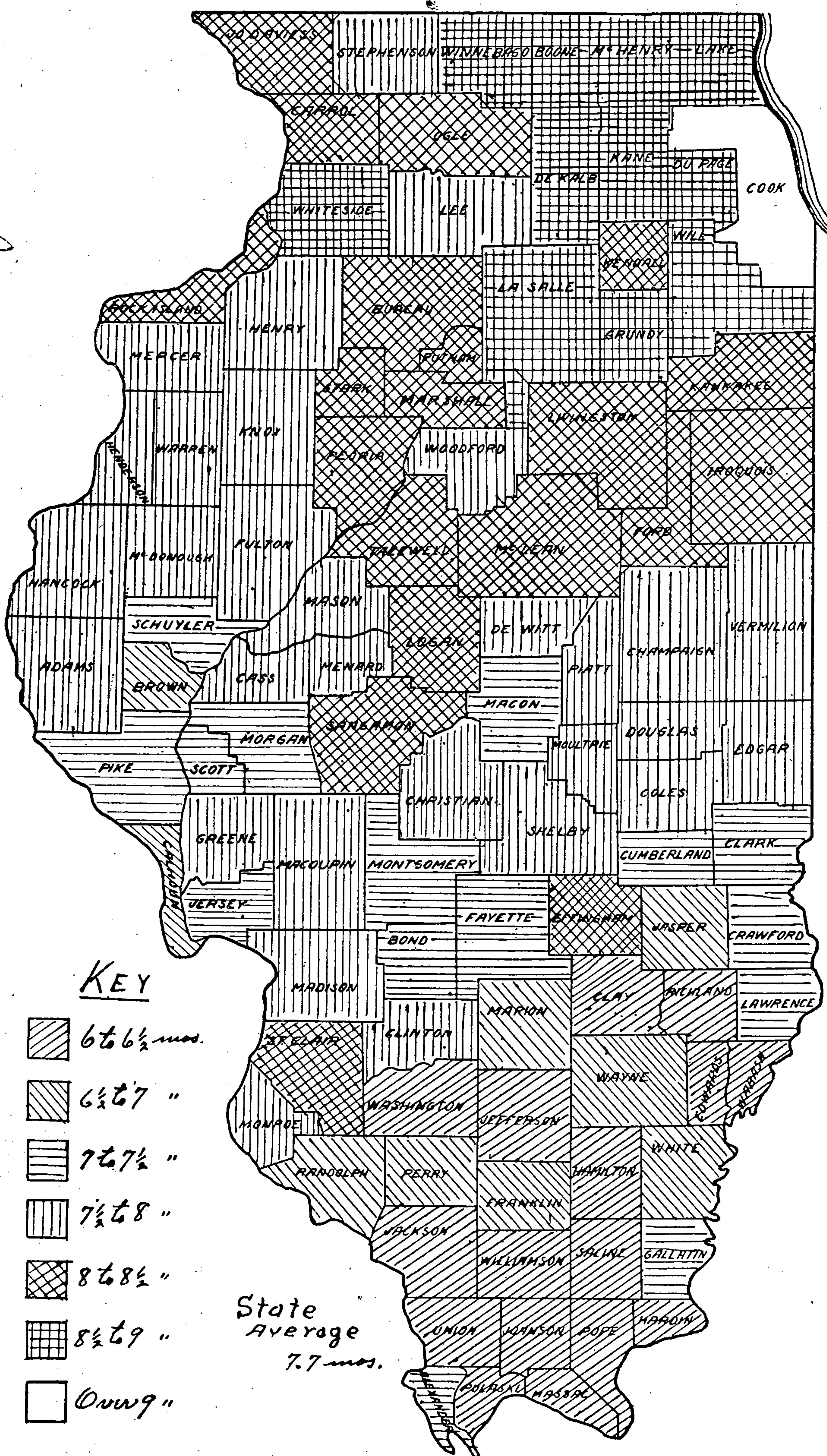


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FOR THE STATE SCHOOL FUND.

AN ACT *to provide for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State government until the expiration of the fiscal quarter after the adjournment of the next regular session of the General Assembly.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That the following named sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, respectively, for the purposes hereinafter named, be, and are hereby, appropriated to meet the ordinary and contingent expenses of the State government, until the expiration of the first fiscal quarter after the adjournment of the next General Assembly:

* * * * *

Nineteenth.—To the Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of \$4,000,000 annually, out of the State School Fund, to pay the amount of the Auditor's orders for the distribution of said fund to the several counties, and for the payment of the salary and expenses of county superintendents of schools as now provided by law, and for the amount to be paid into the Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled, "An Act in relation to an Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund, approved May 27, 1915, in force July 1, 1915." The Auditor shall issue his warrants to the State Treasurer on the proper evidence that the amount distributed has been paid to the county superintendents.

APPROVED June 30, 1915.

BONDS.

AN ACT *giving to the board of education of any school district having a population of less than 100,000 inhabitants, and existing by virtue of any special charter and governed by any or all such special charters, the power to borrow money for certain purposes and issue negotiable coupon bonds therefor, and providing that the proposition or question to borrow money and issue such bonds shall be submitted to the voters of such school district.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That the board of education of any school district having a population of less than 100,000 inhabitants, and existing by virtue of any special charter and governed by any or

all such special charters, is hereby empowered and authorized to borrow money for the purpose of building schoolhouses, or repairing or altering any schoolhouse already erected, or purchasing schoolhouse sites or purchasing school grounds adjacent to or adjoining any schoolhouse site, or separated therefrom only by a public street or way, and to issue its negotiable coupon bonds therefor, in such form and such denominations, payable at such place and at such time or times (not exceeding twenty years from date of issuance) and bearing interest at such rates as said board of education may by resolution prescribe. Such bonds shall be in denominations of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually: *Provided*, that no money shall be borrowed or bonds issued unless the proposition or question to borrow money and issue bonds for the purpose or purposes and in the amount prescribed in said resolution shall be submitted to the voters of such school district at some general or special election held in such school district, or at a special election called for such purpose and the majority of all the votes cast shall be in favor of such proposition: *Provided, further*, that no such board of education or school district shall incur any indebtedness hereunder, which together with all other outstanding indebtedness, exceeds in the aggregate five (5) per centum on the value of taxable property of such school district, to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness.

§ 2. Whenever it is desired to submit to the voters of any school district to which this Act applies, the proposition or question to borrow money and issue bonds for any or all of the purposes specified in this Act, the president or secretary of the board of education of such school district shall, in writing, direct the county clerk or board of election commissioners, or other authority required by law, to give notice of general elections held within the city, town or county wherein such school district is situated, to give notice that such proposition or question shall be submitted to the voters of such school district, upon such date as the president or secretary shall have in writing specified. And thereupon such county clerk, board of election commissioners or such other authority shall post or cause to be posted a notice in some public place in each election precinct within such school district, twenty (20) days prior to the date of the election at which such proposition or question shall be submitted to the voters of such school district, or publish or cause to be published once each week for two successive weeks, a notice in some secular newspaper of general circulation in and published in the city, town or county wherein such school district is situated, stating that such proposition or question shall be submitted to the voters of such school district. The time and place or places of election shall be specified in such notice, and the proposition or question to be voted upon at such election shall be stated therein.

§ 3. The ballot to be used at any election when said proposition or question shall be submitted to the voters of any school district to which this Act applies, shall be a separate distinct ballot, and the total amount of the bonds sought to be issued, and the specific purpose or purposes for which said bonds shall be issued shall be stated on said

ballot. The ballot used at such election shall be substantially in the following form:

Shall bonds or obligations for the purpose of (state specific purpose) in the sum of \$.00 be issued by the board of education of	Yes	
	No	

The ballots cast at such election shall be canvassed, and the result of such election shall be entered of record and certified to as provided by law for other elections in such districts.

§ 4. All bonds authorized to be issued under and by virtue of this Act, before being issued, negotiated and sold shall be signed by the president of the board of education of the school district for the benefit of which said bonds shall be issued, and attested by the secretary of such board of education, and countersigned by the treasurer of such board of education or of such school district. All of such bonds shall be numbered by such treasurer and registered in a book provided for such purpose. All moneys borrowed under and by virtue of this Act shall be paid into the treasury of such board of education or of such school district, and thereupon the treasurer thereof shall deliver the bond or bonds therefor to the person, persons, corporation or corporations entitled to receive the same. Such treasurer shall record the exact amount for which each bond shall be issued, negotiated and sold, and when any bond shall be paid, the treasurer shall duly cancel the same and enter in the register opposite the record of such bond the date, month and year when said bond was paid.

§ 5. This Act shall not be construed to repeal “An Act to authorize certain school districts to issue bonds for certain purposes,” approved and in force May 10, 1901.

APPROVED June 29, 1915.

CERTIFICATES.

AN ACT to amend section 6 of an Act entitled, “An Act to provide for the certification of teachers,” approved June 28, 1913, in force July 1, 1914.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That section 6 of an Act entitled, “An Act to provide for the certification of teachers,” approved June 28, 1913, in force July 1, 1914, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

§ 6. County certificates granted by the county superintendent and the requirements for the same shall be as follows:

First.—A third grade elementary school certificate, valid for one year in the first eight grades of the common schools of the county in which it is issued and in no other county. This certificate shall be renewable once only and on evidence satisfactory to the county super-

intendent of three months' successful teaching or six weeks' professional training. Applicants for this certificate shall be examined in orthography, civics, Illinois history, physiology, penmanship, reading, grammar, geography, United States history, arithmetic, and the principles and methods of the State course of study. This certificate shall not be issued the second time to the same person. At the option of the county superintendent this certificate may be issued without examination to persons who have successfully completed two years of work in a recognized normal school, or one year of such work if the applicant is a graduate of the tenth grade.

Second.—A second grade elementary school certificate valid for two years in the first eight grades of the common schools of the county and in the ninth and tenth grades when endorsed for the same by the county superintendent. This certificate shall be renewable on evidence satisfactory to the county superintendent of six months' successful teaching or twelve weeks' professional training, and a second time if in the period following the date of issue the holder shall have acquired eighteen weeks' professional training in any recognized school providing such training, and, thereafter, the same shall be renewable indefinitely for periods of two years upon evidence of successful teaching and professional growth satisfactory to the county superintendent.

The applicant for this certificate shall be examined in orthography, civics, Illinois history, physiology, penmanship, reading, grammar, geography, United States history, arithmetic, elementary science, pedagogy, and the principles and methods of the State course of study. At the option of the county superintendent this certificate may be issued without examination to persons who have completed the junior year's work in a recognized normal school, or its equivalent.

Third.—A first grade elementary school certificate, valid for three years in the first ten grades of the common schools of the county, and in the high school when endorsed for the same by the county superintendent. This certificate shall be renewable indefinitely for periods of three years, upon evidence of successful teaching and professional growth satisfactory to the county superintendent. The requirements for this form of certificate shall be: (1) Graduation from a recognized high school, or an equivalent preparation; (2) six months of successful teaching, and (3) an examination in orthography, including spelling, civics, Illinois history, physiology, penmanship, reading, grammar, geography, United States history, arithmetic, pedagogy, English, algebra, general history, and any three of the following natural sciences: Botany, zoology, physics, chemistry and physiography. This certificate shall be issued to graduates of a recognized normal school, or from an institution offering an equivalent preparation, provided the applicant has had one year of successful practice teaching, and applies for the certificate within three years after graduation.

Fourth.—A high school certificate, valid for three years in the high schools, and also in the seventh and eighth grades of the county.

This certificate shall be renewable indefinitely for periods of three years on evidence satisfactory to the county superintendent of successful teaching or supervision and professional growth. The requirements for this form of certificate shall be: (1) Graduation from a

recognized high school, or an equivalent preparation; (2) a certificate showing the completion of at least two years' successful work in any recognized higher institution of learning, and (3) an examination in English, pedagogy, and six high school subjects, three majors and three minors, chosen from a list prescribed by the examining board hereinafter provided for: *Provided, however*, that graduates of a recognized normal school, college or university may offer within three years after graduation, certified credits in lieu of examination in the above subjects accompanied by faculty recommendations of ability to teach in the high school.

Fifth.—A supervisory certificate, valid for three years for supervisory work in any district in the county and for teaching in the schools supervised by the holder. This certificate shall be renewable for three-year periods on satisfactory evidence of successful teaching or supervision, and of professional growth. The requirements of this certificate shall be: (1) Graduation from a recognized high school and at least two years' work in a recognized higher institution, one of which shall have been in a normal school, or an equivalent preparation; (2) two years' successful teaching or supervision, and (3) a successful examination in English, educational psychology, the history of education, and school administration.

Sixth.—A kindergarten primary certificate, valid for two years in any kindergarten and in the first two grades of the common schools of the county, providing the kindergarten training school of which the applicant is a graduate gives adequate preparation for the first two grades of work. This certificate shall be renewable for two-year periods on evidence of successful teaching satisfactory to the county superintendent. The requirements for this form of certificate shall be graduation from a recognized high school and from a recognized kindergarten training school, or the completion of an equivalent course; or in lieu of graduation from such training school, such examination in English, and the theory and practice of kindergarten and primary work as may be prescribed by the examining board.

Seventh.—A special certificate, valid for two years in the common schools of the county, renewable for two year periods. Such certificate shall be issued in music, drawing, agriculture, manual training, domestic science, domestic art, physical training, penmanship, bookkeeping, German, and such other subjects as may be added by the examining board and shall authorize the holder to teach only the subject or subjects named in the certificate. The requirements for this form of certificate shall be graduation from a recognized high school, or an equivalent preparation, and a certificate showing the completion in a recognized higher institution of learning of at least two years' special training in the special subject or subjects, certified credits in English and the principles and methods of teaching, and satisfactory evidence that the applicant has taught or can teach the subjects successfully. In lieu of such special training and certified credits a special certificate may be obtained by an examination in English and the principles and methods of teaching and in the special subject or subjects.

APPROVED June 23, 1915.

COUNTY BOARD.

AN ACT to amend section 207 of an Act entitled, "*An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools*," approved and in force June 12, 1909.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That section 207 of "*An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools*," approved and in force June 12, 1909, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 207. It shall be the duty of the county board of each county of the State:

First.—To provide for the county superintendent of schools a suitable office with necessary furniture and office supplies, as is done in the case of other county offices.

Second.—To examine and approve or reject the report of the county superintendent of schools made to such board.

Third.—To allow, when in their judgment they shall deem proper, reasonable traveling expenses in performance of the duties of the office of county superintendent of schools.

Fourth.—To audit at the regular meeting in September, and as near quarterly thereafter as such board may have regular or special meetings, the itemized bills of the county superintendent of schools for his office and traveling expenses.

Fifth.—To authorize the county superintendent of schools to employ such assistants as he needs for the full discharge of his duties, and to fix the compensation thereof, which compensation shall be paid out of the county treasury.

Sixth.—To examine the financial statements of the county superintendent of schools required by section 11 of this Act and compare the same with vouchers, and the county board, or so many of them as may be present at the meeting of the board, shall be liable individually to the fund injured and to the securities of the county superintendent, in case judgment be recovered of the said securities, for all damages occasioned by neglect of the duties, or any of them, required of the board by this section: *Provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the securities, but they shall remain liable to the fund injured the same as if the members of the county board were not liable to them for neglect of their duty.

APPROVED June 25, 1915.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

AN ACT to amend section 5 of an Act entitled, "*An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools*," approved and in force June 12, 1909.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That section 5 of an Act entitled, "*An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools*," approved and in force June 12, 1909, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 5. On Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1918, and quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of every county in the State, a county superintendent of schools, who shall enter upon the discharge of his duties the first Monday of August next after his election. No one shall be eligible to the office of county superintendent of schools who is not of good character, actually engaged in educational work, the holder of a valid county supervisory certificate, or a State certificate, and who has not had at least four years' experience in teaching.

APPROVED June 28, 1915.

DELINQUENT CHILDREN.

AN ACT to amend an Act entitled, "*An Act to enable school directors and boards of education to establish and maintain classes and schools for delinquent children committed by courts of competent jurisdiction and providing for the payment from the State treasury of the excess cost of maintaining and operating the said classes and schools over the cost of maintaining and operating elementary schools for normal children,*" approved June 2, 1911, in force July 1, 1911, by amending section one (1) thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That an Act entitled, "*An Act to enable school directors and boards of education to establish and maintain classes and schools for delinquent children committed by courts of competent jurisdiction, and providing for the payment from the State treasury of the excess cost of maintaining and operating the said classes and schools over the cost of maintaining and operating elementary schools for normal children,*" approved June 2, 1911, in force July 1, 1911, be and the same is hereby amended by amending section one (1) thereof so that the said section one (1) when amended shall read as follows:

§ 1. That boards of education, school directors, and boards of school inspectors, whether acting under the general law or a special charter, shall be empowered to establish and maintain classes and schools for the delinquent children, residents of such cities, committed by courts of competent jurisdiction.

APPROVED June 23, 1915.

ELECTIONS.

AN ACT to amend an Act entitled, "*An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools,*" approved and in force June 12, 1909, by amending section 126a.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That an Act entitled, "*An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools,*" approved and in force June 12, 1909, be and the same is hereby amended by amending

section 126a thereof, so that said section 126a shall read when amended as follows:

§ 126a. The ballots to be used at the election held for the selection of a president and members of the board of education shall be furnished by the district and shall be in form substantially as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT, TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR

Vote for one

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John Adams

☐

James Brown

FOR TWO MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR THREE YEARS

Vote for two

☐

Frank Chance

☐

Tyrus Cobb

☐

Margaret Murphy

☐

Elizabeth Browning

The voter shall make a cross-mark in the square preceding the name or names of the candidate or candidates of his choice and the ballot shall be so counted. The nominations of candidates for the offices of president and members of the board of education shall be made only by petition. All petitions shall be filed with the secretary at least ten days before the day of election. All petitions shall be signed by at least 10 per cent of the legal voters of the district, but not to exceed fifty such signatures shall be required to make valid any petition. The names of candidates shall be printed in the order in which the petitions are filed with the secretary. Such election shall be held under the Australian ballot system as provided in the general election laws and as detailed in section 309 and section 310 of said election laws, at the schoolhouse or such other place as shall be designated by the proper officers in the notice of election.

APPROVED June 23, 1915.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

AN ACT to amend an Act entitled, "An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools," approved and in force June 12, 1909, as amended by subsequent Acts, by amending section twenty-two (22) thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: That an Act entitled, "An Act*

to establish and maintain a system of free schools," approved and in force June 12, 1909, as amended by subsequent Acts, be and the same is hereby amended by amending section twenty-two (22) thereof, so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

§ 22. The election of trustees of schools shall be held, in townships whose boundaries do not coincide with those of towns, on the second Saturday of April, annually. In townships whose boundaries do coincide with those of towns as established under the township organization laws, the trustee or trustees shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as town officers. In townships in which no election for school trustees has heretofore been held, or in townships in which from any cause there are no trustees of schools, or in case of a vacancy or vacancies, the election of trustee or trustees of schools may be held on any Saturday. No person shall hereafter be nominated for the office of trustee of schools in townships containing 20,000 inhabitants or over, except by petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) legal voters of the school township in which he is seeking nomination and election filed ten (10) days prior to such election with the township treasurer, or, in case of a first election, with the county clerk. The township treasurer shall, in townships containing 20,000 inhabitants or over, furnish all ballots to be used at the election for trustees, and the name of no candidate shall be printed on such ballots except a petition shall be filed in his behalf as herein provided.

APPROVED June 23, 1915.

ELECTIONS VALIDATED.

AN ACT to legalize certain elections held since July 1, 1911, under and by virtue of "An Act to authorize the organization of high school districts," approved June 5, 1911, and in force July 1, 1911, and all proceedings taken in pursuance thereof, and to abate certain pending suits.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That whenever any election has been held since July 1, 1911, under and by virtue of "An Act to authorize the organization of high school districts," approved June 5, 1911, and in force July 1, 1911, at which the votes of women may have been the deciding factor in carrying such election then, and in such case, such elections are hereby made and held to be legal, valid and binding, and all high school districts organized under and by virtue of such elections and in pursuance thereof, if otherwise legally organized, are hereby held and declared to be duly and legally organized and made valid and binding, and all officers elected and all acts done under and by virtue of such elections and in pursuance thereof, if otherwise legal, are hereby made valid and declared to be legal, binding and of full force and effect, and all pending suits, questioning the validity of such elections on the aforesaid grounds, shall abate: *Provided*, that this Act shall not apply to any district, portions of which have since the organization of such district, been later organized into or as a part of any other district or districts.

§ 2. Whereas, an emergency exists, therefore, this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED April 24, 1915.

EMINENT DOMAIN.

AN ACT *giving to the trustees of schools, board of school inspectors, board of education or other corporate authority managing and controlling the public schools of any school district existing by virtue of any special charter and governed by any or all such special charters or special or general school laws of this State, and having a population of fewer than 500,000 inhabitants, the power to acquire property and to have the compensation to be paid therefor determined by the exercise of the right of eminent domain.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That whenever any school district existing by virtue of any special charter and governed by any or all such special charter or special school laws of this State, and having a population of fewer than 500,000 inhabitants, shall require any lot or parcel of land situated within such school district for a site for a school building, or for an addition to any school building already erected and used for school purposes, or shall require any lot or parcel of land situated within such school district for the purpose of a playground for school children, and the compensation for such lot or parcel of land cannot be agreed upon between the owner or owners of such lot or parcel of land and the trustees of schools, board of school inspectors, board of education or other corporate authority managing and controlling the public schools of such district it shall be lawful for the trustees of schools, board of school inspectors, board of education, or other corporate authority managing and controlling the public schools of such district to acquire such lot or parcel of land and have the compensation to be paid therefor determined in the manner which may at the time be provided by law for the exercise of the right of eminent domain:

APPROVED June 23, 1915.

HIGH SCHOOLS DISCONTINUED.

AN ACT *to amend an Act entitled, "An Act to authorize the organization of high school districts," approved June 5, A. D. 1911, by adding thereto an additional section providing for discontinuing such high school districts.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That an Act entitled, "An Act to authorize the organization of high school districts," approved June 5, 1911, be and hereby accordingly is amended by adding thereto an additional section to be known as section No. eight in words and figures following, to-wit:

§ 8. When any entire high school district desires to discontinue the township high school, the county superintendent, upon the receipt of a petition signed by a majority of the legal voters of the said



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reside and the name of the high school attended, and such other facts as he may require.

§ 5. On or before the first day of April of each year the county superintendent of schools of each county, having ascertained the number of pupils from his county attending high schools under the provisions of this Act and the amount of tuition due each high school attended, shall pay all such tuition to the clerks of the boards in control of such high schools out of the State school fund apportioned to that county before distributing the same as now provided by law, and shall report all of his transactions relating thereto to the township treasurers of his county and to the superintendent of public instruction on or before the 15th day of April of that year.

§ 6. The county superintendent of any county may limit the maximum amount of tuition per pupil in his county to forty dollars, but in such case shall notify all of the high schools in the county of his action before the opening of the school year: *Provided*, that the tuition in no instance shall be greater than the per capita cost of maintaining the high school selected, and that when a pupil attends less than the school year the tuition shall be estimated upon the number of months attended.

§ 7. All pupils attending high schools under the provisions of this Act, shall attend a high school in the county where such pupil resides, except for sufficient reasons appearing to the county superintendent of schools of the county where such pupil resides he may issue a written permit for such pupil to attend a high school in another county.

§ 8. An Act entitled, "An Act to provide high school privileges for graduates of the eighth grade," approved June 26, 1913, in force July 1, 1913, and all other Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED June 30, 1915.

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

AN ACT to repeal Article XI of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Jacksonville in the County of Morgan and State of Illinois," approved February 15, 1867, as amended by an Act approved March 29, 1869.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: That Article XI of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Jacksonville, in the County of Morgan, and State of Illinois," approved February 15, 1867, as amended by an Act approved March 29, 1869, be and the same is hereby repealed. This act shall not take effect and be in force until the first day of March, A. D. 1916.*

APPROVED June 26, 1915.

KINDERGARTENS.

AN ACT to amend section 115 of an Act entitled, "An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools, approved and in force June 12, 1909."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: That section 115 of an Act*

entitled, "An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools, approved and in force June 12, 1909," be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 115. The board of school directors shall be clothed with the following powers:

First.—To purchase a suitable book for their records.

Second.—To allow the clerk a reasonable compensation for his services, payable out of money not otherwise appropriated.

Third.—To dismiss a teacher for incompetency, cruelty, negligence, immorality or other sufficient cause.

Fourth.—To assign pupils to the several schools in the district; to admit nonresident pupils when it can be done without prejudice to the rights of resident pupils; to fix rates of tuition, and to collect and pay the same to the township treasurer for the use of the district.

Fifth.—To suspend or expel pupils guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct, and no action shall lie against them for such expulsion or suspension.

Sixth.—To provide that children under twelve years of age shall not be kept in school more than four hours daily.

Seventh.—To appropriate school funds for the purchase of libraries and apparatus, after the provision has been made for the payment of all necessary school expenses.

Eighth.—To sell at public or private sale any personal property belonging to the school district, and not needed for school purposes.

Ninth.—To grant special holidays whenever in their judgment such action is advisable, but no deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a teacher on account of such days.

Tenth.—To have the control and supervision of all public school houses in their district, and to grant the temporary use of them, when not occupied by schools, for religious meetings and Sunday schools, for evening schools and literary societies, and for such other meetings as the directors may deem proper. To grant the use of assembly halls and class rooms when not otherwise needed, including light, heat and attendants, for public lectures, concerts, and other educational and social interests, but under such provisions and control as they may see fit to impose, and to conduct or provide for the conducting of recreational, social and civic activities in the school buildings under their control.

Eleventh.—To decide when a site or building has become unnecessary, unsuitable or inconvenient for a school.

Twelfth.—To borrow money, and issue bonds for the purposes and in the manner provided by this Act.

Thirteenth.—To furnish each school with a flag and staff, as provided by law.

Fourteenth.—To establish classes having an average attendance of not fewer than fifteen pupils for the instruction of crippled children over the age of six and under twenty-one years.

Fifteenth.—To establish classes for the instruction of deaf children over the age of three and under twenty-one years: *Provided, however,* that no person shall be employed to teach the deaf who shall

not have received instruction in the methods of teaching the deaf for a term of not less than one year.

Sixteenth.—To establish kindergartens for the instruction of children between the ages of four and six years, if in their judgment the public interest requires it, and to pay the necessary expenses of the same out of the school funds of the district: *Provided*, that no one shall be employed to teach in a kindergarten who does not hold a kindergarten certificate as provided by law.

APPROVED June 26, 1915.

PENSIONS.

AN ACT in relation to an Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That there be and is hereby created an Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund, which shall be managed by a board of trustees, to be known as the board of trustees of the Illinois Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund. Such board shall consist of five (5) members, of whom the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Treasurer shall be ex officio members, and three other members, who shall be elected by the teachers who are contributors to said fund or who have become annuitants under provisions of this Act, at an annual election, as hereinafter provided. No teacher shall be elected as a member of the board of trustees by the teachers and annuitants as aforesaid who is not a contributor, or an annuitant as aforesaid, at the time of the election. The term of office of the elective members of the said board of trustees shall be three (3) years, except as provided in section 3 of this Act, and such term shall begin on the first day of January next succeeding after such election takes place: *Provided*, the elective members of the first board of trustees shall assume office immediately after their election. In case any trustee ceases to be a contributor or an annuitant, his office shall become vacant and shall be filled, as hereinafter provided for the filling of vacancies.

§ 2. Any person qualified to be elected a member of said board of trustees may be nominated as a candidate for that office by petition in writing signed by not less than one hundred contributors to said fund, or annuitants as aforesaid, and in the manner following: No petition shall contain the names of a greater number of candidates than there are offices to be filled. No person shall petition for the nomination of more candidates than there are offices to be filled. No signature of a petitioner shall be valid unless there shall appear on the petition opposite such signatures the school district, city, town, or village and county in which such petitioner is a teacher, or if an annuitant, his or her postoffice address. All such petitions shall be filed in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of this State not less than thirty days nor more than forty days next before the annual election day hereinafter mentioned. Each membership in said board of trustees shall be considered as one office. The number

of candidates whose names shall appear on the ballot shall not exceed six for each office. The persons petitioned for by the largest number of persons shall be the candidates and their names shall appear on the ballot in the order of the number of petitioners for each, the name of the candidate having the greatest number appearing first, etc. When the time within which nominating petitions may be filed has expired, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall cause the names of all persons nominated for any office or offices to be filled at the next annual election to be printed on one ballot, indicating thereon the term of office for which they are severally nominated, and one of the ballots so made up shall, together with a printed copy of the sections of this Act pertaining to elections, be mailed to each contributor, and annuitant as aforesaid, at his or her last known address, at least one week before said annual election day. There shall be mailed at the same time to such member a stamped envelope, properly addressed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at his office, and also an envelope marked "For Ballot Only," and a slip for signature, as hereinafter provided. Each person, upon marking his or her ballot, shall enclose the same in the envelope marked "For Ballot Only," and shall seal the same, and shall write his or her signature and the name of the school district, city, town or village and county in which such voter is a teacher or annuitant as aforesaid, upon the slip of paper provided for that purpose, and shall enclose both said slip and the sealed envelope containing his or her ballot in the envelope addressed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and shall mail the same. Ballots shall be in the form, as near as may be, of ballots prepared under "An Act to provide for the printing and distribution of ballots at public expense and for the nomination of candidates for public offices, to regulate the manner of holding elections and to enforce the secrecy of the ballot," approved June 22, 1891, in force July 1, 1891, commonly called "Australian Ballot Act." The voter shall indicate his choice by making a cross mark in the square before the name of each person voted for, as near as may be in the same manner as provided in said Australian Ballot Act. Each contributor to said fund and each annuitant as aforesaid shall be entitled to one vote for each office to be filled at such election.

§ 3. December 27, unless said day fall on Sunday, and in that event, December 28, in each year, is herein designated as annual election day. On said annual election day the envelopes addressed and mailed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be publicly opened at his office. The name of the person voting, as shown on the enclosed slip, shall be checked off on the roll of contributors and annuitants as aforesaid, and a list of such voters shall be made, and the envelope marked "For Ballot Only," accompanying such slip, shall then be set aside to be later publicly opened and the ballot therein counted by a board of canvassers. Said board shall consist of seven members to be selected from the contributors and annuitants as aforesaid, in such manner as the board of trustees shall by by-law provide, one from each of the seven districts in which this State has been divided for the election of judges of the Supreme Court. No ballot shall be counted unless accompanied by said slip, properly filled

out as heretofore provided by a contributor or annuitant as aforesaid, nor unless received by the Superintendent of Public Instruction before 10 o'clock a. m. on said annual election day. When the names of all voters shall have been checked, the envelopes marked "For Ballot Only" shall be opened and the ballots removed therefrom and counted. The person or persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In case more persons than one have the same number of votes, the choice shall be decided by lot. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall make and keep a record of the result of the election and furnish a copy thereof to the board of trustees, and shall notify the persons elected of their election. At the first annual election there shall be elected one member of said board of trustees for the term of one year, one member for the term of two years, and one member for the term of three years, and annually thereafter there shall be elected one member for a term of three years in the manner heretofore provided.

§ 4. In case of a vacancy in the board of trustees, the remaining members of said board shall fill such vacancy by appointment until the next annual election, when a trustee for the unexpired term shall be elected.

§ 5. After the passage of this bill and until the elective members of the first board of trustees shall assume office, as provided in section 1 of this Act, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Secretary of State shall constitute a temporary board of trustees of the Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund. Such temporary board shall account for all its transactions in the same manner as hereinafter provided for the board of trustees.

§ 6. Said board of trustees shall organize by the election of one of their number as president. The State Treasurer shall be ex officio treasurer of said board, and shall receive and make payments from and account for said funds in the same manner as for other State funds, except as hereinafter provided. Said Treasurer shall safely keep such funds, subject to the control and direction of the board of trustees, and shall keep his books and accounts in such manner as may be prescribed by said board, and said books and accounts shall always be subject to the inspection of said board, or any member thereof. Said Treasurer shall be liable on his official bond for the proper performance of his duties and the conservation of the fund created by this Act. Said board shall employ a secretary, for such term as may be determined, who shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the board.

§ 7. The board of trustees shall meet regularly four times a year at such times as said board may by by-law provide, or at the call of the president or any three members. Said board may adopt rules for the government of its meetings and for the administration of the fund, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

§ 8. Members of said board shall receive no compensation, except their necessary expenses incurred in attending the meetings, to be paid from the Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund. If said board shall elect one of its members secretary, such member

may receive compensation for services rendered as secretary. The secretary may receive a salary to be fixed by the board. The compensation of the secretary and other necessary expenses incurred by said board in carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be paid from the fund. The Auditor of Public Accounts is authorized to draw warrants payable from said fund upon the State Treasurer for all salaries and expenses provided for in this Act upon the presentation of vouchers approved by the president and the secretary of said board of trustees.

§ 9. The board of trustees shall have charge of the administration of said fund, and shall have power to invest the same upon the approval of the State Treasurer in the same manner and subject to the same terms and conditions as township trustees are permitted to invest school funds under the law, and shall have power to make payments from said fund of pensions or annuities granted in this Act.

§ 10. The board of trustees shall report annually at the first meeting after June 30. A copy of said report shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall include the same in his biennial report to the Governor.

§ 11. Said board shall not be a corporation, but may sue and be sued in the name of the board. All actions brought by or against the board shall be prosecuted or defended, as the case may be, by the Attorney General or other counsel, as the board of trustees may from time to time decide.

§ 12. The board of directors, board of education, or other governing body of public schools in each school district of the State, coming under the provisions of this Act, shall retain on every pay day from the salary of each teacher the amount hereinafter provided: *Provided*, that such amount shall not be retained from the salary of any teacher employed in said public schools when this Act takes effect who has not elected to come within the provisions of this Act as provided for in section 15. Each teacher shall be furnished a statement by such board showing the amount deducted from the salary of said teacher.

§ 13. All persons who shall be employed to teach in the public schools of the State, coming under the provisions of this Act, shall, after this Act takes effect, be entitled to the benefits of the fund upon complying with the provisions of this Act, and for the purposes of this Act such persons shall be divided into the following classes:

First.—Those who have taught ten years or fewer than ten years.

Second.—Those who have taught more than ten years and not more than fifteen years.

Third.—Those who have taught more than fifteen years.

After this Act shall take effect there shall be set apart from the salaries of all such persons so employed as teachers in the public schools of this State, coming under the provisions of this Act, \$1.00 per month for the first five months taught after July first of each year by such teacher while he or she remains in the first class; \$2.00 per month for the first five months taught after July first of each year by such teacher while he or she remains in the second class; \$6.00 per month for the first five months taught after July first of each year

by such teacher for the first ten years while he or she remains in the third class, which amount shall be deducted by the managing body of the school taught by such teacher from the salary of such teacher at the regular time for the payment thereof, and the same shall be paid into and constitute a part of the said Teachers' Retirement Fund. The total amount paid into said fund by each teacher shall be based upon twenty-five years of service as teacher as provided in this section: *Provided*, that such total amount shall not be less than the full amount of the annuity to which such teacher shall be entitled for the first year, Said assessments shall cease after 25 years of service.

All teachers becoming contributors to said Teachers' Pension of [and] Retirement Fund for the first time shall submit to the managing body of the school taught by them evidence which has been approved and accepted by the board of trustees of said fund, attesting and proving service rendered in public schools, and such evidence shall be the basis for placing such teachers in the proper class of the classes provided in this section.

§ 14. Any person becoming a teacher in the public schools of this State coming under the provisions of this Act, after this Act takes effect, shall be conclusively deemed to undertake and agree to pay such amounts and have such amounts deducted from his or her salary as herein provided.

§ 15. Any person employed as a teacher in the public schools of this State, coming under the provisions of this Act, when this Act takes effect, or who has previously taught in the public schools of this State and resumes teaching, may at any time before the first day of September, 1920, elect to come within the provisions of this Act by notifying in writing the board of trustees of the Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund.

At the time of giving said notice to the board of trustees, as herein provided, such teachers shall notify in writing the local school board or managing body of the school taught of his or her election to come within the provisions of this Act; and said notice shall authorize said school board or managing body to deduct from the payments of salary due him or her a sum equal to the amount to be deducted from the salary of such teacher, as provided in section 13.

§ 16. The board of directors, board of education, or other governing body of public schools in each school district of the State, coming under the provisions of this Act, shall each year within seven days after the thirtieth day of June, forward to the State Treasurer a statement, verified by the secretary or clerk thereof, of the moneys so retained in accordance with the provisions of this act, together with said moneys so retained.

§ 17. Said statement shall include the following: Name and monthly salary of each teacher; number of months of school taught by each teacher in said public schools of the district, village or city over which said school board or said managing body of such school has jurisdiction during the school year for which the statement is made; the number of months constituting a school year in such district, village or city; the total salary of each teacher; the total amount withheld from the salary of each teacher in accordance with the



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(a) After a period or periods aggregating twenty-five years of service as teacher in the public schools of the United States, of which fifteen years must have been spent in the public schools of this State, provided that the payments and deductions of his or her salary have been made and turned over to said fund as provided in sections 12 and 13. If said payments shall not have amounted to \$400.00, the teacher shall pay into the fund the deficiency before receiving the annuity, with interest as provided by clause (b) of this section. No person while receiving a teacher's annuity from any other public school teachers' pension or retirement fund shall receive an annuity from the fund created under this Act. Nor shall any person under fifty years of age receive an annuity except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) Teachers who elect to become contributors to and beneficiaries of the said Illinois State Teachers' [Pension] and Retirement Fund, under the provisions of this section may count past services in public schools as a part or the whole of the period of twenty-five years hereinafter specified, but no annuity shall be paid until said teacher shall have paid into the fund a sum equal to that which he or she would have contributed under the provisions of this section, had he or she been a regular contributor to said fund during said period of past service, together with simple interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum from the time such payments would have been made, had such person during such time been a contributor to such fund, to the time such person shall by making such payments become entitled to the benefits and credit of such past service.

(c) After fifteen years of service as teacher in the public schools, two-fifths of which may be outside of Illinois but within the United States, any teacher who shall have been declared by two competent physicians, who have made a physical examination of the teacher, at the request of the board of trustees, to be suffering from any disability such as to disqualify him or her for teaching, may during the continuance of such disability retire, provided that the payments of said teacher to the fund shall have amounted to a sum, as provided in sections 12 and 13. If said payments shall not amount to \$400.00, the teacher shall pay into the fund the deficiency before receiving the annuity. No person while receiving a teacher's annuity from any other public school teachers' pension or retirement fund shall receive an annuity from the fund created under said sections.

(d) In computing the terms of service under clauses a, b and c of this section, a year shall be a legal school year at the time and place where said service was rendered except that where the service was rendered in public schools not included in the provisions of this section, a time less than a legal school year in this State shall not be included as a year, but only such proportion of a year as the number of teaching weeks in each such year bears to the number of weeks required at the time to constitute a legal year in the State.

(e) Any person who has complied with the provisions of this Act and desires to retire from active service in said public schools, shall apply in writing to the board of trustees of the Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund.

(f) Any teacher coming from a public school not included within the provisions of this section who may be employed to teach in the public schools mentioned in this section may become a contributor to and beneficiary of said fund in like manner as provided in clause (b) of this section.

§ 26. Each teacher retiring from service of said public schools under the provisions of clauses a, b, c, d and e of section 25 shall annually and for life be entitled to receive an annuity of \$16.00 for each year of service as teacher: *Provided*, that said annuity shall not exceed \$400.00 in any one year, subject, however, to all of the provisions of this section.

§ 27. Any teacher who is a contributor to said fund who shall cease to teach in said public schools before becoming a member of the third class as provided in section 13, shall, if application be made in writing to the board of trustees within six months after the date of his or her retirement, be entitled to the return of 50 per cent of the amount, without interest, which shall have been paid into the fund by such teacher. If such teacher shall again thereafter teach in the public schools, he or she shall, within three years from the date of his or her return to the service of said public schools, return to said fund the amount so returned to such teacher, together with simple interest on said amount at 4 per cent per annum for the time such amount was withdrawn from the fund.

§ 28. Annuities payable under the provisions of this Act shall be paid quarterly on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year from the State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund, and the Auditor of Public Accounts is authorized and directed to issue his warrants on the State Treasurer, payable from said fund, upon the presentation of vouchers approved by the president and secretary of the board of trustees of said pension and retirement fund.

§ 29. Payments from the fund shall be made from the income thereof, and when necessary from the principal of moneys received under the provisions of this Act.

§ 30. One year's leave of absence for professional preparation, granted by the proper authorities to any teacher under the provisions of this Act, shall be computed as a part of said twenty-five years of service, provided that the payments to said fund shall be continued during said leave of absence at the same rate as if such person were in active service as such teacher. Such period or periods of absence in the aggregate shall be computed as a part of said twenty-five years of service of said teacher; and in case of absence of less than a school year, only the time covered by such absence shall be so computed.

§ 31. Any person retiring under the provisions of this Act may re-enter upon the work of teaching in said public schools. During said term of teaching, the annuity paid to such person shall cease. Said annuity shall again be paid to said person upon again retiring.

§ 32. Such annuities so created shall not be subject to attachment, garnishment, execution or other seizure by process, nor shall they be subject to sale, assignment, pledge, mortgage or other alienation.

§ 33. A suitable office in the Capitol, with suitable furniture and office supplies, shall be furnished for the board of trustees by the proper authority.

§ 34. The term "teacher" as used in this Act, shall include any teacher, teacher-secretary, supervisor, principal, supervising-principal, superintendent or assistant superintendent who shall teach or be employed in the public schools of this State: *Provided, however,* that service as county superintendent or assistant county superintendent may be counted as a part of the twenty-five years of service required to enable a teacher to receive the annuities provided for in this Act.

§ 35. If at the time this Act shall take effect there shall be in existence any teachers' retirement fund organized and existing or purporting to exist under sections 127a to 127n, both inclusive, of "An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools," approved and in force June 12, 1909, as afterwards amended, or any other law of this State applying to schools and school teachers, in any city or school district coming under the provisions of this Act, the same and its property and funds shall be and hereby are merged into and made a part of said Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund, and the persons who have contributed to such existing fund shall be credited with the amounts contributed respectively as if such contributions had been made to said Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund; and the annuitants, if any, of such existing fund shall be eligible to become annuitants of said Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund, and its board of trustees shall take over the administration of such existing fund and administer the same under and in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

§ 36. Except as herein provided, this Act shall apply to all cities and school districts of the State, and the same shall come under the provisions of this Act: *Provided, however,* that all cities and school districts of the State having a population in excess of 65,000, as shown by the Federal census of 1910, and operating at the time this Act takes effect under any statute providing for the establishment of a Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund, shall not come under the provisions of this Act.

APPROVED May 27, 1915.

PENSION FUND, SPECIAL.

AN ACT to amend section 3 of an Act entitled, "*An Act to enable any board of school inspectors, or any body or board of officials, which governs or has charge of the affairs of any school district having a population of not fewer than 10,000 and not more than 100,000 inhabitants, and governed by special Acts of the General Assembly of this State and in such other districts as may hereafter be ascertained by any special or general census to have such population and which school districts are also governed by like special Acts, to establish and maintain a teachers' pension and retirement fund,*" approved June 27, 1913, in force July 1, 1913.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That section 3 of an Act en-

titled, "An Act to enable any board of school inspectors, or any body or board of officials, which governs or has charge of the affairs of any school district having a population of not fewer than 10,000 and not more than 100,000 inhabitants, and governed by special Acts of the General Assembly of this State and in such other districts as may hereafter be ascertained by any special or general census to have such population and which school districts are also governed by like special Acts, to establish and maintain a teachers' pension and retirement fund," approved June 27, 1913, in force July 1, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 3. The teachers' pension and retirement fund shall consist of moneys contributed by teachers under the provisions of this Act; also of moneys received from donations, legacies, gifts, bequests and otherwise, and of moneys paid into said fund in pursuance of any law now in force or hereafter enacted; and there shall be set aside by the State Auditor of Public Accounts and paid by him to the State Treasurer annually from the common school fund of this State an amount equal to one-tenth of one mill upon each dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable property of the State within the city and school district coming under the provisions of this Act, and the State Treasurer shall pay proportionately from the respective city and school districts the sums so paid to him, to the treasurer of the board of school inspectors of the City of Peoria and to all other boards of directors, boards of education and boards of school inspectors in districts in accordance with the provisions of this Act who shall credit such sums so paid to him to the teachers' pension and retirement fund under the provisions of this Act.

APPROVED June 29, 1915.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

AN ACT to provide for physical training in the public and all the normal schools.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That it shall be the duty of boards of education and of all boards in charge of educational institutions supported wholly or partially by the State to provide for the physical education and training of pupils of such public schools and educational institutions in all grades, and to include such physical education and training in the courses of instruction regularly taught therein.

§ 2. All boards of education and managing boards of such educational institutions shall make proper and suitable provisions in the schools and institutions under their jurisdiction for such physical education and training for not less than one (1) hour of each week during the whole of the school year.

§ 3. The curriculum in all normal schools of the State shall contain a regular course of physical education and training for teacher, the said course to be taught not less than one (1) hour of each week during the whole of each term of school.

APPROVED June 26, 1915.

REVENUE.

AN ACT to amend section 189 of an Act entitled, "*An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools*," approved and in force June 12, 1909, as thereafter amended.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That section 189 of an Act entitled, "*An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools*," approved and in force June 12, 1909, as amended by an Act approved June 20, 1913, in force July 1, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 189. For the purpose of establishing and supporting free schools for not less than six nor more than nine months in each year and defraying all the expenses of the same of every description; for the purpose of repairing and improving school houses, of procuring furniture, fuel, libraries and apparatus, and for all other necessary incidental expenses in each district, village or city, anything in any special charter to the contrary notwithstanding, the directors or the board of education and the authorities of such village or city, as the case may be, shall be authorized to levy a tax annually upon all the taxable property of the district, village or city, not to exceed, except as hereinafter stated, one and one-half per cent for educational, and one and one-half per cent for building purposes upon the valuation to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes: *Provided*, that the term incidental expenses herein used shall not include any sum expended or obligation incurred for the improvement, repair or benefit of the school buildings, and property, but all such sums and obligations shall be paid from that portion of the tax levied for building purposes. No election or petition shall be necessary to authorize the levy of a tax for the ordinary repair and improvement of school buildings or grounds or for the payment of any special tax or special assessment levied upon such property. But if the board of education, in any district having a population of not less than one thousand and not over one hundred thousand inhabitants, and not governed by any special Act in relation to free schools now in force by which no tax limit is imposed, shall desire to levy in any one year more than one and one-half per cent, but not more than two per cent, for educational purposes, such board may, by resolution stating the percentage so desired, cause a proposition for an assent thereto to be submitted to the voters of such district at any general school election, or at a special election called for that purpose, and if at such election a majority of the votes cast on said proposition shall be in favor thereof, the board of education of such district may thereafter, until such authority is revoked in like manner, levy annually for educational purposes, a tax in excess of one and one-half per cent, but not exceeding the percentage mentioned in said proposition, and for building purposes such a percentage that the aggregate levy shall not exceed three per cent; proposed changes in such percentage for educational purposes, either to increase or decrease the same, but not below one and one-half per cent nor above two per cent, may be submitted at any time, and from time to time, to the voters of such district, at any such election, either at the instance of such board of education or by

petition for that purpose, addressed to such board and signed by at least five per cent of the voters of such district ascertained by the vote cast at the last preceding general election in said district; and such board of education shall levy no general tax in excess of one and one-half per cent for educational purposes that shall not be authorized by the result of such election, ascertained as aforesaid, unless and until assented to by the voters of such district in like manner.

APPROVED May 27, 1915.

SANITATION MEASURE.

AN ACT *to amend sections 3, 15, 35, 114 and 119 of an Act entitled, "An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools," approved and in force June 12, 1909.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That sections 3, 15, 35, 114 and 119 of an Act entitled, "An Act to establish and maintain a system of free schools," approved and in force June 12, 1909, be and the same is hereby so amended as to read as follows:

§ 3. The duties of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be:

First.—To have his office at the seat of government, and to keep a record of all matters pertaining to the business of his office.

Second.—To file all papers, reports and public documents transmitted to him by the school officers of the several counties, for each year separately; and to keep and preserve all other public documents, books and papers relative to schools, coming into his hands as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Third.—To supervise all the common and public schools in the State.

Fourth.—To counsel and confer, in such manner as he may deem best, with experienced and practical teachers as to the best manner of conducting common schools.

Fifth.—To advise and assist county superintendents of schools, addressing to them, from time to time, circular letters relating to the best manner of conducting schools, constructing schoolhouses, furnishing the same, and examining and procuring competent teachers.

Sixth. To be ex officio a member of the board of trustees of the Southern Normal University.

Seventh.—To make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into efficient and uniform effect the provisions of this Act, and of all laws for establishing and maintaining free schools in the State.

Eighth.—To be the legal adviser of school officers, and, when requested by any school officer, to give his opinion in writing upon any question arising under the school laws of the State.

Ninth.—To hear and determine all controversies arising under the school laws of the State coming to him by appeal from a county superintendent of schools.

Tenth.—To grant certificates to such teachers as may be found qualified to receive them, and to suspend the operation of any State certificate for immorality or other unprofessional conduct.

Eleventh.—To visit such of the charitable institutions of the State as are educational in their character, to examine their facilities for instruction, and to prescribe forms for such reports as he may desire from their superintendents.

Twelfth.—To report to the Governor, on or before the first of November, preceding each regular session of the General Assembly, the condition of the schools in the several counties of the State; the number of schools which have been taught in each county in each of the preceding years, commencing on the first of July; the number taught by men and women respectively; the number of pupils in attendance; the number of persons in each county under 21 years of age, and the number of persons between the ages of 12 and 21 years unable to read and write; the amount of township funds; the amount of interest on the State or common school fund, and on the township fund, annually paid out; the amount raised by an ad valorem tax; the amount annually expended for schools; the number of schoolhouses, their kind and condition; the number of townships and parts of townships in each county; the number of books purchased for the use of schools and the cost of the same; the value of apparatus purchased; the number of district libraries; together with such other information and suggestions as he may deem important in relation to the schools and school laws, and the means of promoting education throughout the State, which report shall be submitted to the General Assembly at each regular session.

Thirteenth.—To prepare with the advice of the State Board of Health, the State Architect and the State Fire Marshal, for school directors and boards of education specifications for the minimum requirements for the heating, ventilation, lighting, seating, water supply, toilets and safety against fire which will conserve the health and safety of the children attending the public schools.

§ 15. It shall further be the duty of each county superintendent of schools:

First.—To execute, upon notice by the county board, a new bond, conditioned and approved as the first bond.

Second.—To sell township fund lands, issue certificates of purchase, report to the county board and Auditor of Public Accounts, and perform all other duties pertaining thereto.

Third.—To register the names of all applicants for normal school and university scholarships; to hold, or cause to be held, examinations for the same, and to perform such other duties as pertain thereto.

Fourth.—To visit each public school in the county at least once a year, noting the methods of instruction, the branches taught, the textbooks used, and the discipline, government and general condition of the schools; in the performance of which duty he shall spend at least half his time, and more, if practicable in visiting ungraded schools.

Fifth.—To give teachers and school officers such directions in the science, art and methods of teaching, and in regard to courses of study, as he may deem expedient.



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Nineteenth.—To furnish the township treasurers a list of the districts in their respective townships with the consecutive numbers of the same.

Twentieth.—To inspect the plans and specifications for the heating, ventilation, lighting, seating, water supply, toilets and safety against fire for public school rooms and buildings submitted to him by boards of education or boards of directors, and to approve all those which comply substantially with the specifications prepared and published by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Twenty-first.—To inspect all public schools under his supervision and notify in writing before the first day of April the board of school trustees or other boards exercising similar functions, whether the several schools in their jurisdiction have or have not been kept as required by law.

Twenty-second.—To request the State Board of Health, the State Fire Marshal or the State Architect to inspect public school buildings which appear to him to be unsafe, insanitary or unfit for occupancy. It shall be the duty of these officials to inspect such buildings and to state in writing in what particular they are unsafe, insanitary or unfit for occupancy. Upon the receipt of such statement the county superintendent of schools shall condemn the building and notify in writing the board of directors or board of education, stating specifically the reasons for such condemnation. He shall also notify, in writing, the board of school trustees that the school so condemned is not kept as required by law.

§ 35. At the regular semi-annual meetings on the first Mondays of April and October, the trustees shall ascertain the amount of funds subject to distribution, and shall appropriate and distribute the same as required by this section, and not otherwise. All valid claims shall be paid before distribution, in manner following: First, the compensation of the treasurer; second, the cost of publishing the annual statement; third, the cost of a record book, if any; fourth, the cost of dividing school lands and making plats. The balance shall be apportioned and distributed to the districts and parts of districts in the township in which schools have been kept as required by law during the preceding year ending June 30, according to the number of persons returned under 21 years of age. The funds so distributed shall be credited to the respective districts and parts of districts.

When the board of trustees has had notice from the county superintendent of schools that a district has not kept school as required by law, the part of the distributive fund apportioned to such district shall be withheld until the county superintendent has given notice in writing that the requirements of the law have been complied with. The amount withheld shall then be placed to the credit of such district: *Provided*, in cases where the schoolhouses were already in use for school purposes July 1, 1915, and do not comply with the minimum requirements for the health and safety of the pupils as set forth by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the distributive fund shall not be withheld until after March 1, 1917.

§ 114. The board of directors shall have the following additional duties:

First.—To make, at the annual election of directors, to the voters there present, a detailed report of receipts and expenditures, and transmit a copy of the same within five days to the township treasurer.

Second.—To report to the county superintendent within ten days the names of all teachers employed, with the dates of the beginning and end of their contracts.

Third.—To provide for the revenue necessary to maintain schools in their districts.

Fourth.—To determine, in case of a district composed of parts of two or more townships, which treasurer is to receive the taxes of the district, and to notify the collectors in writing accordingly.

Fifth.—To adopt and enforce all necessary rules and regulations for the management and government of the public schools of their district.

Sixth.—To visit and inspect the public schools as the good of the schools may require.

Seventh.—To appoint all teachers and fix the amount of their salaries.

Eighth.—To direct what branches of study shall be taught, what textbooks and apparatus shall be used, and to enforce uniformity of textbooks in the public schools; but they shall not permit books to be changed oftener than once in four years.

Ninth.—To establish and keep in operation for at least seven months in each year, and longer if practicable, a sufficient number of free schools for the accommodation of all persons in the district over the age of six and under twenty-one years and to secure for all such persons the right and opportunity to an equal education in such schools.

Tenth.—To purchase, at the expense of the district, a sufficient number of textbooks used to supply children whose parents are unable to buy them. Such textbooks shall be loaned only, and the directors shall require the teacher to see that they are properly cared for and returned at the end of each term of school.

Eleventh.—To deliver to the township treasurer on or before the seventh day of July, annually, all teachers' schedules made and certified as required by law.

Twelfth.—To pay no public money to any teacher unless such teacher at the time of his or her employment shall have held a certificate of qualification obtained under the provisions of this Act, and shall have kept and furnished schedules as required by this Act, and shall have satisfactorily accounted for books, apparatus and other property of the district that he may have taken in charge.

Thirteenth.—To cause a copy of the township treasurers' report of the financial condition of the district to be entered upon the records of the district, and to post the same at the front door of the building where the annual election of directors is held.

§ 119. It shall not be lawful for a board of directors to purchase or locate a schoolhouse site, or to purchase, build or move a schoolhouse, or to levy a tax to extend schools beyond nine months, without a vote of the people at an election called and conducted as required by section 198 of this Act. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to authorize the directors to act. If no locality shall receive a

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