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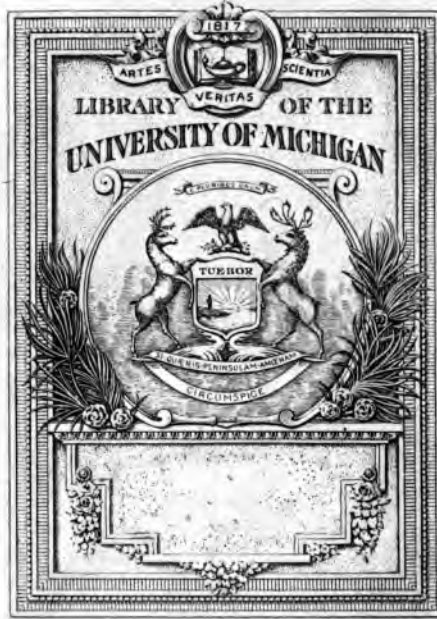
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During the last session of the Legislature several amendments were made to the school law, and new laws were enacted in regard to the supervision of schools, the granting of teachers' certificates by the University of Michigan, the introduction of the kindergarten method into the public schools of the State, and the organization of township school districts in the Upper Peninsula. The numbers refer to the sections, chapters and pages of the compilation of 1889. It is suggested that this copy be pasted in your copy of the school law, and that some mark be made to indicate the sections amended. A copy of this pamphlet will be furnished to any school officer or teacher on application to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lansing.

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AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL LAWS.

CHAPTER III.—SECTION 19.

[(§ 46.) Page 21. Amended by act No. 21. Takes effect Oct. 1, 1891.]

SEC. 19. The district board may admit to the district schools non-resident pupils, and may determine the rates of tuition of such pupils and collect the same: *Provided*, That when non-resident pupils, their parents or guardians, pay a school tax in said district, the same shall be credited on their tuition a sum not to exceed the amount of such tuition and they shall only be required to pay tuition for the difference therein.

Non-resident pupils' tuition.

Provide.

CHAPTER X.—SECTION 3.

[(§ 109.) Page 40. Amended by act No. 21. Takes effect Oct. 1, 1891.]

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees in any graded school district:

Duty of trustees.

First, To classify and grade the pupils attending schools in such district and cause them to be taught in such schools or departments as they may deem expedient;

To classify pupils.

Second, To establish in such district a high school when ordered by a vote of the district at an annual meeting, and to determine the qualifications for admission to such school, and the fees to be paid for tuition in any branch taught therein: *Provided*, That when non-resident pupils, their parents or guardians, shall pay a school tax in said district, the same shall be credited on their tuition a sum not to exceed the amount of such tuition and they shall only be required to pay tuition for the difference between the amount of the tax and the amount charged for tuition;

To establish high school, etc.

Provide as to non-resident pupils' tuition.

Third, To audit and order the payment of all [of] the accounts of the director for incidental or other expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his duties; but no more than fifty dollars shall be expended by the director in one year for repairs of the buildings or appurtenances of

To audit and pay directors' accounts.

- the district property without the authority of the board of trustees;
- To employ teachers. *Fourth,* To employ all qualified teachers necessary for the several schools, and to determine the amount of their compensation and to require the director and moderator to make contracts with the same on behalf of the district, in accordance with the provisions of law concerning contracts with teachers;
- To employ officers, etc. *Fifth,* To employ such officers and servants as may be necessary for the management of the schools and school property, and prescribe their duties and fix their compensation;
- Other duties. *Sixth,* To perform such other duties as are required of district boards in other school districts.

CHAPTER X.

[Page 21. Amended by act No. 84, adding a new section, to stand as section No. 6. Takes effect May 20, 1891.]

Duty of trustees in certain cases, etc.

In case of vote to change from graded school district to primary.

SEC. 6. Whenever the trustees of any organized graded school district shall be presented twenty days before the annual meeting thereof, with a petition signed by ten electors of said district, stating that it is the desire of said petitioners that at the annual meeting of said school district there shall be submitted to said annual meeting the proposition to change from a graded school district to one or more primary school districts the said trustees shall, in their notice of such annual meeting, state that the proposition set forth in said petition will be presented to said meeting, and if two-thirds of the qualified voters present at said meeting shall vote to change to one or more primary school districts such change shall be made, and it shall be the duty of the board of school inspectors of the township or townships in which such district is situated, upon being duly notified of such vote, to proceed to change or divide such district as determined by such annual meeting, and they shall provide for the holding of the first meeting in the or each of the proposed primary school districts in the same manner as is provided for by law for the organization of primary school districts, and whenever a fractional graded school district shall be so changed, the township boards of school inspectors of the respective townships where such graded school district is situated, shall organize the said district into one or more primary school districts, as provided for by law.

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[NOTE.—Page 69, second paragraph.]

Act 141 of the Public Acts of 1891 repeals Act No. 214, Public Acts of 1889 providing that, if in any city and any township or part of township adjoining thereto (the same being within one county) any money remains in the fund for payment of losses by killing of sheep by dogs "after the payment of the orders payable out of the same and the amount of said money shall exceed the sum of two hundred dollars, the sum in excess of two hundred dollars shall be apportioned by said county treasurer to the said township or part of township and said city in proportion to the amount contributed to said fund during the preceding year, and the amount so apportioned to any said township or part of township, or said city, shall be respectively apportioned among the several school districts of said township or part of township and said city, in proportion to the number of children therein of school age." The distribution of the surplus will hereafter be made in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of Act No. 198, Public Acts of 1877, as amended by Act No. 283 of the Public Acts of 1881.

[ACT No. 119.]

[Takes effect Oct. 1, 1891.]

*AN ACT authorizing the introduction of the kindergarten method in the public schools of this State.

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact,* That in addition to the duties imposed by law upon the district board of every school district in this State, they shall also be empowered to provide a suitable room or apartment for kindergarten work, and to supply their district respectively with the necessary apparatus and appliances for the instruction of children in what is known as the kindergarten method. Duty of district board.

SEC. 2. In the employment of teachers it shall be competent for such district board to require qualifications for instruction of children in kindergarten methods, and the district board may provide by contract with the teacher for such instruction, specifying the hours and times therefor under such rules as the district board may prescribe. Qualifications of teachers, etc.

SEC. 3. All children residing within the district between the ages of four and seven shall be entitled to instructions in the kindergarten department of such district school. What children entitled to instruction.

SEC. 4. The powers and duties herein imposed or conferred upon the district shall also be and the same are hereby imposed and conferred upon the school trustees or board Act to apply to certain other schools.

*This law permits the introduction of the kindergarten method, but does not make it mandatory.

of education or other body, by whatever name known, managing or controlling the public schools in each city and village of this State; and this act is hereby made applicable to every public school organized by special act or by charter as fully as if they were named herein.

[ACT No. 144.]

[Takes effect June 19, 1891.]

AN ACT to authorize the faculty of the department of literature, science and the arts, of the University of Michigan to give teachers' certificates in certain cases.

University may
issue certificate
to teach, etc.

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact,* That the faculty of the department of literature, science and the arts, of the University of Michigan, shall give to every person receiving a bachelor's, master's or doctor's degree, and also a teacher's diploma for work done in the science and the arts of teaching from said University, a certificate, which shall serve as a legal certificate of qualification to teach in any of the schools of this State, when a copy thereof shall have been filed or recorded in the office of the legal examining officer or officers of the county, township, city or district. Such certificate shall not be liable to be annulled except by the said faculty of the said University; but its effect may be suspended in any county, township, city or district, and the holder thereof may be stricken from the list of qualified teachers in such county, township, city or district, by the legal examining officer or officers of the said county, township, city, or district, for any cause and in the same manner that such examining officer or officers may be by law authorized to revoke certificates given by himself or themselves, and such suspension shall continue in force until revoked by the authority suspending it.

Of annulling
certificate, etc.

[ACT No. 147.]

[Takes effect June 19, 1891.]

AN ACT to provide for the election of a county commissioner of schools, for the appointment of school examiners, [and] to define the duties and fix the compensation for the same, and to repeal all existing acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

Election of
county commis-
sioner of schools.

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact,* That at the meetings of the several boards of supervisors of the different counties of the State, to be held on the fourth

Monday in June, eighteen hundred ninety-one, the said several boards of supervisors shall elect a county commissioner of schools for their respective counties, whose term of office shall commence on the fourth Tuesday of August next following, who shall hold his or her office until the first day of July, eighteen hundred ninety-three, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified. Said boards of supervisors shall also on said fourth Monday of June, appoint two persons as school examiners, who, together with said commissioner of schools, shall constitute a board of school examiners. One of said school examiners shall be appointed for a period of one year and the other for a period of two years, from and after the second Monday of October next after their appointment, or until their successors have been appointed and have qualified; and thereafter such boards of supervisors shall, at each annual session, appoint one examiner who shall hold his office for a period of two years, or until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified. Within ten days after such commissioner or examiners shall have received legal notice of his or her election, he or she shall take and subscribe to the constitutional oath of office and the same shall be filed with the county clerk. The said county commissioner, so appointed, shall execute a bond with two sufficient sureties, to be approved by and filed with the county clerk, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that he or she will faithfully discharge the duties of his or her office according to law, and to faithfully account for and pay over to the proper persons all money which may come into his or her hands by reason of his or her holding such office; and thereupon the county clerk shall report the name and postoffice address of such county commissioner to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Term of office.

Appointment of school examiners.

Term of office

Annual appointment of examiner.

Oath of office.

Bond.

County clerk to report address, etc.

SEC. 2. There shall be elected at the election held on the first Monday in April, eighteen hundred ninety-three, and every second year thereafter, in each county, one county commissioner of schools, whose term of office shall commence on the first day of July next following his or her election, and who shall continue in office two years or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified. The county commissioner of schools elected under the provisions of this section shall file with the county clerk for the county for which he or she is elected his or her oath of office and bond, the same as provided in section one of this act, and the county clerk shall make the same report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in all respects as provided in section one of this act.

Biennial election of commissioner.

Term of office.

To file oath and bond.

SEC. 3. No person shall be eligible to the office of county commissioner of schools who shall not be a graduate in the literary department of some reputable college, university or State normal school, or hold a State teacher's certificate, or who shall not have held a first grade certificate, within two years next preceding the time of his or her election, or shall

Eligibility to office of, etc.

have held the office of county commissioner under this act: *Provided, That* in counties having less than fifty schools subject to the supervision of the county commissioner, a person holding at the time of his or her election a second grade certificate shall be eligible.

Board to hold regular examinations, etc.

Special examinations.

Proviso.

Schedule of examinations.

Meeting of board to grant certificates, etc.

Signing of certificates.

Who deemed qualified teacher.

Of examination questions.

Grades of certificates.

SEC. 4. The board of school examiners shall, for the purpose of examining all persons who may offer themselves as teachers for the public schools, hold two regular public examinations in each year at the county seat, which examinations shall begin on the first Thursday of March and August in each year; and for a like purpose the board of school examiners shall hold not to exceed four special public examinations at such times and places as in the judgment of the board of school examiners the interests of the schools and teachers of the county may require: *Provided*, The first and second grade certificates shall be granted only at the regular public examinations provided for in this section. It shall be the duty of the county commissioner to make out a schedule of the times and places of holding special examinations and to cause it to be published in one or more newspapers of the county at least ten days before each special examination, and he or she shall send a copy thereof to the chairman of each township board of school inspectors in the county at least ten days previous to the time of holding any special examination.

SEC. 5. The board of school examiners shall meet on the Saturday following such public examination held by the county commissioner and shall grant certificates to teachers in such form as the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prescribe, licensing as teachers all persons who shall have attained the age of sixteen years, who have attended said public examinations and who shall be found qualified in respect to good moral character, learning and ability to instruct and govern a school, but no certificate shall be granted to any person who shall not pass a satisfactory examination in orthography, reading, writing, grammar, geography, arithmetic, theory and art of teaching, United States history, civil government and physiology and hygiene with reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. All certificates shall be signed by the county commissioner and by at least one other member of the board of examiners. No person shall be considered a qualified teacher within the meaning of this act, nor shall any school officer employ or contract with any person to teach in any of the public schools, under the provisions of this act, who has not a certificate in force, granted by the board of school examiners or other lawful authority. All examination questions shall be prepared and furnished by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the county commissioner under seal, to be opened in the presence of the applicants for certificates on the day of examination.

SEC. 6. There shall be three grades of certificates granted by the board of school examiners, in its discretion, and

subject to such rules and regulations as the Superintendent of Public Instruction may prescribe, which grades of certificates shall be as follows: The certificate of the first grade shall be granted only to those who have taught at least one year with ability and success, and it shall be valid throughout the State for four years: *Provided*, That no first grade certificate shall be valid in any county other than that in which it was granted, unless a copy of said certificate, certified by the county commissioner who issued the same shall be filed with the county commissioner in the county in which the holder of said certificate desires to teach. The certificate of [the] second grade shall be granted only to those who shall have taught at least seven months with ability and success, and it shall be valid throughout the county for which it shall be granted for three years. The certificate of the third grade shall license the holder thereof to teach in the county for which it shall be granted for one year: *Provided*, That the county commissioner shall have power upon personal examination satisfactory to himself or herself to grant certificates which shall license the holder thereof to teach in a specified district for which it shall be granted, but such certificate shall not continue in force beyond the time of the next public examination and it shall not in any way exempt the teacher from a full examination: *Provided further*, That in case the holder of a special certificate does not appear for examination before the board at the next public examination succeeding the date of such special examination, a second special certificate shall not be granted to such person, except when it appears to the commissioner on good evidence that the absence was occasioned by sickness or other unavoidable cause.

SEC. 7. The board of school examiners may suspend or revoke any teacher's certificate issued by them for any reason which would have justified said board in withholding the same when given for neglect of duty, for incompetency to instruct or govern a school, or for immorality, and the said board may, within their jurisdiction, suspend for immorality or incompetency to instruct and govern a school the effect of any teacher's certificates that may have been granted by other lawful authority: *Provided*, That no certificates shall be suspended or revoked without a personal hearing, unless the holder thereof shall, after a reasonable notice, neglect or refuse to appear before the said board for that purpose.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the county commissioner: *First*, Immediately after his or her qualification as commissioner, to send notice thereof to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the chairman of each township board of school inspectors of the county;

Second, To keep a record of all examinations held by the board of school examiners and to sign all certificates and other papers and reports issued by the board;

Third, To receive the institute fees provided by law

First grade.

Proviso.

Second grade.

Third grade.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Suspension of certificate, etc.

Proviso.

Duty of commissioner.
Notice of qualification.

Record of examinations, etc.

Of fees.

- and to pay the same to the county treasurer quarterly, beginning September thirty, in each year;
- Record of certificates,** *Fourth,* To keep a record of all certificates granted, suspended or revoked by the said board or commissioner, showing to whom issued, together with the date, grade, duration of each certificate and, if suspended or revoked, with the date and reason thereof;
- List of teachers, etc.** *Fifth,* To furnish, previous to the first Monday in September in each year to the township clerk of each township in the county, a list of all persons legally authorized to teach in the county at large, and in such township, with the date and term of each certificate, and if any have been suspended or revoked, the date of such suspension or revocation;
- To visit schools, etc.** *Sixth,* To visit each of the schools in the county at least once in each year and to examine carefully the discipline, the mode of instruction, and the progress and proficiency of pupils: *Provided,* That in case the county commissioner is unable to visit all the schools of the county as herein required, the said commissioner may appoint such assistant visitors as may be necessary, who shall perform such duties pertaining to the visitation and supervision of schools as said commissioner shall direct: *Provided,* That the whole expense incurred by such assistant visitors shall not exceed the sum of ninety dollars in any one year;
- Proviso as to assistant visitors.** *Seventh,* To counsel with the teachers and school boards as to the courses of study to be pursued, and as to any improvement in the discipline and instruction in the schools;
- Counsel with teachers, etc.** *Eighth,* To promote by such means as he or she may devise, the improvement of the schools in the county, and the elevation of the character and qualifications of the teachers and officers thereof, and act as assistant conductor of institutes appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and perform such other duties pertaining thereto as the superintendent shall require;
- Improvement of schools, etc.** *Ninth,* To receive the duplicate annual reports of the several boards of school inspectors, examine into the correctness of the same, requiring them to be amended when necessary, indorse his or her approval upon them, and immediately thereafter and before the first day of November in each year, transmit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction one copy of each of said reports and file the other in the office of the county clerk;
- To receive annual reports, etc.** *Tenth,* To be subject to such instructions and rules as the Superintendent of Public Instruction may prescribe; to receive all blanks and communications that may be sent to him or her by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to dispose of the same as directed by the said Superintendent, and to make annual reports at the close of the school year to the Superintendent of Public Instruction of his or her official labor, and of the schools of the county, together with such other information as may be required;
- Subject to instructions of Supt. Public Instruction, etc.**

Eleventh, To perform such other duties as may be required of him or her by law, and at the close of the term of office to deliver all records, books and papers belonging to the office, to his or her successor. Other duties.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of school inspectors of each township: Duty of chairmen, etc.

First, To have general supervisory charge of the schools of his township, subject to such advice and direction as the county commissioner may give; Supervision of Schools, etc.

Second, To make such reports of his official labors and of the condition of the schools as the Superintendent of Public Instruction may direct or commissioner request. To make reports, etc.

SEC. 10. The compensation of each commissioner shall be determined by the board of supervisors of each county respectively, but the compensation shall not be fixed at a sum less than five hundred dollars per annum in any county where there are fifty schools under his or her supervision; at not less than one thousand dollars per annum where there are one hundred schools under such supervision; and not less than twelve hundred dollars where there are one hundred and twenty-five schools under his supervision; and in no case shall such compensation exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. Each member of the board of school examiners other than the county commissioner shall receive four dollars for each day actually employed in the duties of his office. The compensation of any assistant visitor, when appointed as provided in this act, shall be determined by the county commissioner, but in no case shall it exceed three dollars for each day employed. The compensation of the county commissioner, members of the board of school examiners and of any assistant visitor shall be paid quarterly from the county treasury, upon such commissioner or visitor filing with the county clerk a certified statement of his or her account, which shall give in separate items the nature and amount of the service for each day for which compensation is claimed: *Provided*, That in no case shall the county commissioner receive any order for compensation from the county clerk until he has filed a certified statement from the Superintendent of Public Instruction that all reports required of the commissioner have been properly made and filed with said superintendent: *Provided further*, That no commissioner shall receive an order for compensation until he shall have filed with the county clerk a detailed statement under oath showing what schools have been visited by him during the preceding quarter and what amount of time was employed in each school, naming the township and school district. The necessary contingent expenses of the commissioner for printing, postage, stationery, record books and rent of rooms for public examinations shall be audited and allowed by the board of supervisors of the county, but in no county shall the expenses so allowed

Compensation of commissioner.

Of examiners.

Of assistant visitors.

To be paid quarterly.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Of contingent expenses.

Limit of.

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- exceed the sum of two hundred dollars per annum and no traveling fees shall be allowed to the commissioner or to any assistant visitor or school examiner.
- Shall not act as agent, etc. SEC. 11. No county commissioner shall act as agent for the sale of any school furniture, text-books, maps, charts or other school apparatus, nor be interested financially in any summer normal, or teachers' training class in the county for which he was elected.
- Of vacancies. SEC. 12. Whenever by death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise a vacancy shall occur in the office of the county commissioner of schools, the county clerk shall issue a call to the chairman of the township board of school inspectors of each township in the county, who shall meet at the office of the county clerk on a date to be named in said [notices] notice not more than ten days from the date of the notice, and appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term of office.
- Certain schools exempted, etc. SEC. 13. All schools which by special enactment may have a district board authorized to inspect and grant certificates to the teachers employed in the same, shall be exempt from the provisions of this act, as to the examination and licensing of teachers. The officers of every school district which is or shall hereafter be organized in whole or in part in any incorporated city in this State where no special enactments shall exist in regard to the licensing of teachers shall have power to examine and license, or may require the county commissioner to examine and license teachers for such district and such license shall be valid in said district for the term of three years. All city schools having a superintendent employed by their respective boards of education shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to the examination and licensing of teachers and
- Of city schools. as to the supervision of the schools in such city, but all such schools shall, through their proper officers, make such reports as the Superintendent of Public Instruction may require.
- Exempt from licensing of teachers, etc. SEC. 14. All acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.
- To make reports. Repealing clause.

NOTE 1. The present secretary shall continue to act under the provisions of the old law until the fourth Tuesday of August.

NOTE 2. The members of the old board of examiners other than the secretary shall act with the school commissioner until the second Monday of October, when the term of the examiners under this act will begin.

www.libtool.org [ACT No. 176.]

[Takes effect June 30, 1891.]

AN ACT for the organization of township school districts in the Upper Peninsula.

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact,* Petition for organization.
 That whenever the qualified electors of any organized township in the Upper Peninsula desire to become organized into a single school district, they may petition the township board to give notice that at the succeeding township meeting the officers for such organized school district will be chosen, and such other business transacted as shall be necessary thereto. Such petition shall be signed by a majority of the qualified electors of the township and shall be filed in the office of the township clerk at least fifteen days prior to the annual township meeting. Upon the receipt and filing of said petition, the township clerk shall notify the members of the township board and the school [inspector] inspectors Clerk to notify board, etc. of the township to attend a special meeting to be held not more than five days thereafter, and at which meeting it shall be the duty of such township board to compare the names signed to the petition with the names appearing on the list of registered voters qualified to vote at the preceding election, and if it be found that a majority of the voters qualified to vote at the preceding election have signed the petition that the organized township of which they are resident be organized as a single school district, they shall give notice that at the then succeeding township meeting officers will be chosen for such organized school district; and shall make and file, both with the county clerk and the secretary* of the board of school inspectors of the county in which such township is located, a certified copy of the above mentioned petition together with their finding and doings thereon, and thereupon such township shall become a single school district which shall be subject to all the general laws of the State, so far as the same may be applicable, and said district shall have all the powers and privileges conferred upon union school districts by the laws of this State, all the general provisions of which relating to common or primary schools shall apply and be enforced in said district, except such as shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and all schools organized in said district in pursuance of this act, under the directions and regulations of said board of education shall be public and free to all persons actual residents within the limits thereof, between the ages of five and twenty years, inclusive, and to such other persons as the board of education shall admit: *Provided,* To be single districts, etc. That whenever the majority of electors in any surveyed township in such organized township shall petition the board of education to establish a school or schools therein, the said board of education are hereby authorized and directed Provide.

* School Commissioner.

within three months thereafter to organize such school or schools therein.

Officers of district.

SEC. 2. The officers of said district shall consist of two trustees, who, together with the clerk and school inspector of said township, shall constitute the board of education of said district. Said trustees shall be elected by ballot at the annual township meeting of the township, upon the same ticket and canvassed in the same manner as township officers required by law to be elected by ballot: *Provided*, That at the annual election to be held in said township next subsequent to the filing of the petition as set forth in section one of this act there shall be elected two trustees for said district by the electors thereof, one of whom shall hold his office for the term of one year, and the other one for the term of two years, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, and the time for which the person voted for is intended, shall be designated on the ballot, and at each election thereafter to be held one trustee shall be elected in said district, who shall hold his office for the term of two years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified, said trustee to be designated on the ticket or ballot for "Member of board education."

Proviso.

Duty of township clerk, etc.

SEC. 3. Within five days after the annual election the township clerk shall notify, in writing, the persons elected trustees under this act of their election, and within five days thereafter said trustees so elected shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the constitution of this State, before any officer authorized to administer oaths, and file the same with the township clerk. The term of office of the [trustee] trustees of said district shall commence on the second Monday following the annual township election at which they are elected.

Organization of board, etc.

SEC. 4. The members of the board of education shall meet on the third Monday of April of each year, at the office of the township clerk, and organize. The school inspector of the township whose term of office will soonest expire shall be president of the board and shall be entitled to vote in all cases. In the absence of the president at any meeting a majority of the members present may choose one of their own number president *pro tem*. The township clerk of said township shall be *ex officio* clerk of said board of education, and shall be entitled to vote thereon, and in case of the absence of said clerk the board may choose some suitable person to perform his duties. Said board shall on said third Monday of April in each year elect from their own number a treasurer, who shall hold his office for one year and until his successor is elected and qualified and may at any time fill a vacancy in the office of treasurer: *Provided*, That the person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of treasurer shall hold the office for the unexpired portion of the term only. The treasurer of said board

Clerk.

Treasurer.

Proviso.

shall ~~within five days after~~ his appointment as such treasurer, file with the clerk of said board the constitutional oath of office. He shall also, before entering upon the duties of his office, give a bond to said district in such sum and with such sureties as said board shall determine and approve, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties under this act, and honestly accounting for all moneys coming into his hands belonging to said district. The treasurer of said board shall have the keeping of all school and library moneys, and shall not pay out the same without the authority of the board, upon warrants or orders drawn upon him and signed by the clerk and countersigned by the president. To give bond.

SEC. 5. Said board of education shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in the office of trustee until the next annual election, and such trustee shall file with the clerk of said board his oath of office within five days after such appointment by the board. Vacancies.

SEC. 6. A majority of the members of said board shall constitute a quorum, and the regular meetings of said board shall be held on the third Monday of April, August and December in each year, and no notice of such meeting shall be required, and any two members of said board shall be sufficient to adjourn any meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. Special meetings of said board may be called at any time on the request of the president, or any two members thereof, in writing, delivered to the clerk; and the clerk upon receiving such request shall at once notify each member of said board, if within said district, of the time of holding such meeting, which shall be at least three days subsequent to the time of receiving such request by said clerk. All [the] meetings of said board shall be held at the township clerk's office, unless otherwise ordered by a resolution of the board; and all records and papers of said district shall be kept in the custody of said clerk and shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of said district. Quorum, meetings, etc.

SEC. 7. The said board shall be the board of school [inspection] inspectors for said district and shall, as such, report to the clerk of the county in which such township is located and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now enjoyed and performed by boards of school inspectors, and the president of said board shall perform all the duties required by law of the chairman of the board of school inspectors, and the board of school inspectors for such township is hereby abolished except as its powers are vested in said board of education. Board to report, etc.

SEC. 8. The board of education of said district shall have power and authority to designate and purchase school house sites, erect buildings and furnish the same, employ legally qualified teachers, provide books for district library, make by-laws relative to taking the census of all children in said Powers of board, etc.

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