

are, when the same are within the debt limit, hereby legalized and declared to be a valid indebtedness of such school district.

§ 2. REPEAL.] All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§ 3. EMERGENCY.] This Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved 10:15 P. M. Dec. 11, 1919.

SCHOOLS

CHAPTER 52.

[S. B. No. 23—Mortenson.]

STATE AID.

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Sections 1445 and 1446 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1913, as Amended and Re-enacted by Chapter 212 of the Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1917, Relating to State Aid for Rural Schools as Represented by the One-room Graded and Graded Consolidated Schools.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. That Section 1445 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913, as amended by Chapter 212 of the Laws of North Dakota for the year 1917, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

§ 1445. THE APPORTIONMENT, WHEN APPORTIONED, AMOUNT OF APPORTIONMENT.] Between the first and fifteenth of August in each year the State Board of Administration shall apportion such amounts as are appropriated to each of said state graded consolidated schools, the sums named in Section 1446 of this Act; to each of state graded schools which have fully complied with the provisions of this Act and such additional rules as may be established by the State Board relating to state graded schools, the sum of one hundred dollars in each year to state graded schools of the first class; to state graded schools of the second class a sum of seventy-five dollars; and to state graded schools of the third class, the sum of fifty dollars; and the Board shall apportion to each of the state rural schools which have fully complied with the provisions of this Act and such additional rules as may be established by the Board relating to state rural schools, the sum of fifty dollars in each year to each rural school of the first class; to each state rural school of the second class, the sum of forty dollars; and to each state rural school of the third class, a sum of thirty dollars; provided that in any district where the tax rate for the preceding year is four mills

and less than seven, these amounts shall be doubled for each class of school, and that in any district where the tax rate of the preceding year is seven mills or greater these amounts shall be trebled. These several amounts shall be paid by the State Treasurer on the warrant of the State Auditor when duly certified and filed with the State Auditor by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Provided also that in case the amount apportioned shall not be sufficient to pay the amount specified, then the amount available shall be apportioned pro rata among the schools entitled thereto. Provided, further, that the State Board of Administration shall furnish to each state rural school a certificate of standardization and a metal plate designating the rank of such schools, the same to be paid for from the appropriation for these schools.

§ 2. That Section 1446 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913, as amended by Chapter 212 of the Laws of North Dakota for the year 1917 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

§ 1446. AID TO CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS, CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS DEFINED.] Any consolidated school meeting the requirements for the state graded school of the first class shall receive aid in the sum of four hundred dollars, any consolidated school meeting the requirements for the state graded school of the second class shall receive aid in the sum of three hundred fifty dollars, and any consolidated school meeting the requirements for a state graded school of the third class shall receive aid in the sum of three hundred dollars; provided that in any district where the tax rate for the preceding year is four mills and less than seven, each school shall receive double the amount named here and that where the tax rate for the preceding year is seven mills or more, each school shall receive treble the amount. It is provided further, that a consolidated school here and elsewhere in the law is one where at least two teachers are employed and at least eighteen contiguous sections are served, without regard to the manner of its formation.

§ 3. All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§ 4. This Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

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CHAPTER 53.

[H. B. No. 16—John Nathan.]

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Section 1190 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for 1913, as Amended by Chapter 199 of the Session Laws for 1919, Relating to the Consolidation of Schools and Transportation of Pupils; and Providing for a Board of Arbitration.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That Section 1190 of the Compiled¹ Laws for 1913, as amended by Chapter 199 of the Session Laws for 1919 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

§ 1190. CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS AND TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.] The district school board may call, and if petitioned by one-third of the voters in the district, shall call an election to determine the question:

(1) "To consolidate two or more schools or the territory usually served by two or more schools and select a site and provide a suitable building," or

(2) "To select a school already established and, if necessary, make suitable additions thereto to accommodate the pupils of the schools to be vacated."

Said election shall be conducted, both as to notices and as to manner of canvassing the votes, in the same manner as the annual school elections. If a majority of the votes cast at such an election are in favor of either proposal, then the board shall carry out the decision of the district within four months thereafter. In the event of carrying out either proposal prior to or after the passage of this Act, it shall be the duty of the board to provide for the transportation of the pupils at public expense to and from the consolidated school, except to those pupils living less than one and one-half miles from such school; and it shall also be the duty of the board, if deemed expedient, to move to the site selected school houses already built or to sell such school houses. Provided, that transportation may be furnished either by the use of public conveyances or by allowing to each family as compensation a sum of not less than twenty cents nor more than one dollar and fifty cents per school day of attendance, such compensation to be equitably based upon the distance traveled and the number of children transported. Provided, further, that the sum total of expenses to a district for transportation shall not be greater where the family system of payment is used than would be the case under a system of public conveyances. Provided, also, that in case a patron is dissatisfied with the arrangement made by the School Board with regard to the transportation of his children, he may apply to the School Board for a Board of Arbitration consisting of one selected by the patron, one selected by the School Board and another chosen by the two already selected; the School District to pay all costs thereof; said cost not to exceed three dollars per diem per member of said Arbitration Board. The decision of said Arbitration Board shall be final and binding on the Board.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] This Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in effect and be in operation on and after its passage and approval.

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