

SCHOOL FUNDS.

CHAPTER 128.

[S. B. 131.]

INVESTMENTS OF SCHOOL FUND.

AN ACT to Amend Section 172 of Article 8 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Codes of 1896, of the State of North Dakota, Relating to Investments of School Fund.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 172 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 172. BOARD TO INVEST SCHOOL FUNDS—HOW.] Such board shall have the power and it is made its duty from time to time to invest any money belonging to the permanent funds of the common schools, university, school of mines, reform school, agricultural college, and deaf and dumb asylum, normal schools, and all other permanent funds derived from the sale of public lands or from any other source in bonds of school corporations within the state, bonds of the United States, bonds of the state of North Dakota, or in first mortgages on farm lands in the state not exceeding in amount one-third of the actual value of any subdivision on which the same may be loaned. Such value to be determined by the county board of appraisal of the respective county as provided for in section 183 of this act; *Provided*, that at least one fourth of the whole amount of the several permanent funds aforesaid as computed by the commissioner of university and school lands at the end of each fiscal year, shall be set apart for investment in first mortgages on farm lands in this state, and only in the manner following to-wit:

1. That the said first mortgages and each of them, shall run for a period of time and not to exceed ten years and that the funds so invested shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, said interest together with ten per centum of the whole amount of the principal to be paid in annual installments and the interest when paid shall be covered into and become a part of the interest and income fund.

2. First mortgage loans shall only be made upon cultivated lands within the state, and to persons whom are actual residents thereof. And in no cases on lands of which the appraised value is less than seven dollars and fifty cents per acre, and in sums not

more than one thousand dollars to any one person, firm or corporation.

3. All or any of said mortgages may be satisfied at any time after five years from the date when made on payment of the full amount due thereon.

All proceedings in regard to investments in first mortgages as provided in this act, shall conform to and be governed by the laws of the State of North Dakota in such case made and provided.

Said board of university and school lands shall not purchase or approve the purchase of any bonds or mortgages except at a legal session thereof, nor unless every member of the board is notified by the secretary of said board in time to be present at such meeting, and notified also that the question of purchasing or acting on a proposition for the purchase of certain bonds or mortgages is to be considered at the meeting, nor unless a majority of all the members vote in favor of such purchase, and the vote on the purchase of every bond and mortgage shall be taken by the yeas and nays and shall be duly recorded in the books of the board.

Approved March 15th, 1897.

SCHOOL OF FORESTRY.

CHAPTER 129.

[H. B. 12.]

GOVERNMENT OF SCHOOL.

AN ACT to Provide for the Establishment and Government of the North Dakota School of Forestry.

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

§ 1. SCHOOL OF FORESTRY—LOCATED.] A State School of Forestry, to be known as the North Dakota School of Forestry, the special object of which shall be the instruction in such arts and sciences as shall hereafter be determined by the board of directors, and especially in the art and science of forest culture, and which shall embrace a preparatory department, where all the various branches shall be taught pertaining to a good common school education, is located at Bottineau, in the County of Bottineau, State of North Dakota, by virtue of the vote taken thereon in accordance with chapter 120 of the session laws of 1893.