

EDUCATION.

CHAPTER 84.

[S. B. 74.]

EDUCATION.

AN ACT to Amend Sections 643, 681 and 682 of the Revised Codes of 1899, Relating to Education.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 643 of the Revised Codes of 1899 be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 643. MEETINGS WITH SCHOOL OFFICERS.] He may arrange for meetings with school officers at designated times and places, due notice of which has been given, for the purpose of inspecting the district records and instructing in the manner of keeping the same, and of preparing the reports of district officers. He shall visit the officers of the several school districts as often as may be necessary to secure the correct keeping of the records. He shall, on or before the first day of April in each year, prepare and furnish to the several assessors of the county a correct sectional map of their respective districts, showing the boundaries and names or numbers of all school districts therein; provided, also, that he may convene the presidents of school boards in his county, or such representative of each school board as the president shall appoint, in case he cannot attend personally, for the purpose of discussing plans and methods for the improvement and general care of the schools; provided, further, that such general meeting shall not occur more than once in each year.

§ 2. AMENDMENT.] That section 681 of the Revised Codes of 1899, be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 681. MEETINGS OF BOARD. FEES.] The board shall, on the second Tuesday in January, April, July and October of each year, hold regular meetings for the transaction of business at such hour and place as may be fixed by the board. A special meeting may be held upon the call of the president, or of the other two members. Written notice of the time and place of any special meeting shall be given to each member of the board at least forty-eight hours before the time of such meeting. Each member of the board shall be paid the sum of eight dollars per annum, less two dollars for each regular meeting which he fails to attend; provided, that the president, or such person as he may appoint to represent the board, shall receive ten cents a mile for the distance necessarily traveled in attending general meetings of the presidents of school boards convened by the county superintendent of schools, and

also a salary of two dollars ; but the total sum of such salary and mileage shall not exceed five dollars in attending any one meeting.

§ 3. AMENDMENT.] That section 682 of the Revised Codes of 1899, be amended so as to read as follows :

§ 682. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.] The president shall preside at all meetings of the board, and shall perform such duties as usually pertain to such office, and in accordance with the customary rules of order. In his absence a president pro tempore shall preside. The president shall perform such other duties as are prescribed in this chapter. It shall also be the duty of the president to attend such general meetings of the presidents of school boards as may be convened by the county superintendent of schools. When the president cannot attend such meetings personally he shall appoint a member of the school board, or the school clerk or school treasurer, to represent the school board at such general meeting.

Approved March 5, 1901.

CHAPTER 85.

[H. B. 43.]

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

AN ACT to Amend Sections 736, 740, 741, 742 and 743 of the Revised Codes, 1899, Relating to Education.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That sections 736, 740, 741, 742 and 743 of the Revised Codes, 1899, relating to education, be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows :

§ 736. EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.] The superintendent of public instruction shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, all questions for the examination of applicants for teachers' certificates, both county and state, and shall prescribe rules for the conduct of all examinations. He shall examine, mark, and file, or cause to be examined, marked, and filed, all answer papers submitted by candidates for first, second and third grade county certificates, which answer papers shall be forwarded by the county superintendent immediately after the close of each examination to the superintendent of public instruction. He may appoint such clerical assistants as he may deem necessary, but the expenditures therefor shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum annually collected from applicants for county certificates for this purpose.

§ 740. EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.] The county superintendent shall hold a public examination of all persons over eighteen years of age, offering themselves as candidates

for teachers of common schools, at the most suitable place in the county, on the second Friday in March, and on the last Friday in May, August, and October of each year, and, when necessary, such examination may be continued on the following day, at which time he shall examine them by a series of written or printed questions, according to the rules prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. The county superintendent shall forward all answer papers submitted by candidates for county certificates, designating each by number instead of name, immediately after the close of the examination to the superintendent of public instruction for examination, marking, filing and recording. The superintendent of public instruction shall transmit, within thirty days from the date of said examination, a record of the standings of each applicant to the county superintendent, who shall then grant to the applicant a certificate of qualification, if from the percentage of correct answers required by the rules, said applicant is found to possess the requisite knowledge and understanding to teach in the common schools of the state the various branches required by law; provided, the county superintendent has sufficient evidence that the candidate is a person of good moral character, has had successful experience, if any, and possesses an aptness to teach and govern.

§ 741. TEACHERS' GRADES. HOW ESTABLISHED. RE-EXAMINATION. WHEN ALLOWED.] County certificates shall be of three regular grades, the first grade for a term of three years, the second grade for a term of two years, and the third grade for one year, according to the ratio of correct answers of each applicant, and other evidence of qualification appearing from the examination. No certificate shall be granted unless the applicant shall be found proficient in, and qualified to teach, the following branches of a common English education: Reading, writing, orthography, language lessons and English grammar, geography, United States history, arithmetic, civil government, physiology and hygiene, and can pass a satisfactory examination in physical culture and theory and practice of teaching. In addition to the above, applicant for a first grade certificate shall pass a satisfactory examination in physical geography, elements of natural philosophy, elements of psychology, elementary geometry and algebra. The percentage required to pass any branch shall be prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. In addition to these regular grades of certificates, drawing, vocal music, and kindergarten certificates, entitling the holders thereof to teach such subjects only, shall be issued when conditions so require, each for a term of three years, under such regulations as the superintendent of public instruction shall prescribe. The county superintendent may grant permission to teach, until the results of the next regular examination are received from the superintendent of public instruction, to any person applying at any other time than at a regular examination, who can show satisfactory reasons for failing to attend such examination, and satisfactory evidence of qualification, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. Such permit shall not be

granted more than once in any county to the same person. The written answers of all candidates for county certificates, after being duly examined by the superintendent of public instruction, shall be kept by him for the space of six months after such examination, and any candidate thinking an injustice has been done him, may, by paying a fee of two dollars into the institute fund of the county, and notifying both the county superintendent and the superintendent of public instruction of the same, have his papers reviewed by the superintendent of public instruction in person, and, if such answers warrant it, he shall instruct the county superintendent to issue such candidate a county certificate of the proper grade, and the county superintendent shall carry out such instruction.

§ 742. QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS. CONTRACTS. WHEN VOID.] No certificate or permit to teach shall be issued to any person under eighteen years of age, and no first grade certificate shall be issued to any person who is under twenty years of age, and who has not taught successfully twelve school months; and no person shall be allowed to teach more than fifteen school months on third grade certificates. First and second grade certificates may be renewed without examination, under such requirements as shall be imposed by the superintendent of public instruction for the pursuance and completion of reading circle work. The certificate issued by a county superintendent shall be valid only in the county where issued; provided, that a county superintendent shall indorse for the full period for which they are valid, when presented to him for indorsement, first and second grade certificates, and drawing, music, and kindergarten certificates issued by any other county superintendent in the state, unless a valid reason exists for withholding such indorsement. Such certificates, when properly indorsed, shall be valid in the county over which the county superintendent who indorsed them has jurisdiction. A fee of one dollar shall be paid into the institute fund of the county for each renewal or indorsement, as provided in the case of examination. No person shall be employed or permitted to teach in any of the public schools of the state, except those in cities organized for school purposes under special laws, or organized as independent districts under the general school laws, who is not the holder of a lawful certificate of qualification, or permit to teach; and no teachers' certificate issued by the superintendent of public instruction, nor a teachers' diploma granted by any institution of learning in this state, shall entitle a person to teach in such public schools of any county; unless such certificate or diploma shall have been recorded in the office of the county superintendent; provided, further, that no certificate or permit to teach in the schools of the state shall be granted to any person not a citizen of the United States, unless such person has resided in the United States for one year last prior to the time of such application for certificate or permit. Any contract made in violation of this section shall be void.

§ 743. FEE FOR CERTIFICATE.] Each applicant for a county cer-

tificate shall pay two dollars to the county superintendent, one dollar of which shall be paid into the county teachers' institute fund, to be used in support of teachers' institutes, or the teachers' training schools in the county, as otherwise provided, and one dollar of said fee shall be used by the superintendent of public instruction for such clerical assistance as he may deem necessary and competent for the reading of teachers' answer papers and work connected therewith. It shall be the duty of the county superintendent, immediately after each examination, to forward one dollar for each applicant for teachers' certificate to the superintendent of public instruction, such sums to be used by him as hereinbefore provided.

Approved February 14, 1901.

CHAPTER 86.

[H. B. 52.]

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

AN ACT to Amend Section 717 of Chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1897, Being the Same as Section 717 of the Revised Codes of 1899, Relating to Education.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 717 of chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1897, being the same as section 717 of the Revised Codes of 1899, be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 717. TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS. ANNUAL SETTLEMENT.] The district treasurer shall open new accounts with each fund at the beginning of each school year, and the balance of each fund shall be brought down and become a part of the first entry in opening the account for the new year. On the second Tuesday in July the school board shall make settlement with the district treasurer, and shall carefully examine his books, accounts and vouchers, and shall ascertain if the amount of all warrants, bonds and coupons paid and redeemed, or paid in part, together with the cash in his hands or under his control, is equal to the amount of the cash on hand at the beginning of the school year, together with all money received by him from all sources for school purposes during the year. The district treasurer shall deliver to the board at such annual meeting all warrants, bonds and coupons paid and redeemed by him during the school year, and held by him as vouchers, taking the receipt of the board therefor, and such vouchers shall forthwith be filed with the district clerk. He shall at that meeting make his annual report in triplicate, one copy to be preserved in the treasurer's office, one to be filed with the clerk of the school board, and one to be transmitted to the county superintendent

of schools, and the board shall cause to be published an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, in a newspaper of the county nearest said school district; provided, that if said board or treasurer shall have failed to publish said statement by the first of September following the presentation of the treasurer's annual report, then it shall be the duty of the county superintendent of schools to cause the publication of the same in a newspaper of the county, said publication to be paid for by the school district. The treasurer's reports shall show the following:

RECEIPTS.

The balance at the close of the year;
The amount received into the state tuition fund;
The amount received into the special fund;
The amount received into the sinking fund.

EXPENDITURES.

The amount paid for school houses, sites and furniture;
The amount paid for apparatus and fixtures;
The amount paid for teachers' wages;
The amount paid for services and expenses of school officers;
The amount paid for redemption of bonds;
The amount paid for interest on bonds;
The amount paid for incidental expenses;
The cash on hand at the close of the school year.

Such report shall include such other items as may be required by the district board, or the superintendent of public instruction, and shall be upon, and in conformity with, the blanks furnished him for that purpose.

Approved March 7, 1901.