

## CHAPTER 239.

[H. B. 397.]

## CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS IN CERTAIN CITIES.

AN ACT relating to certification of teachers in cities employing four hundred or more teachers in the public schools thereof.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. In all cities of the State in which four hundred or more teachers are employed in the city schools there shall be a board of examiners consisting of the city superintendent of schools and two other members having practical experience as teachers, residents of said city, to be designated as associate examiners. The associate examiners shall be elected by the board of directors at their regular meeting in July annually, and shall hold office for one year, but no candidate for examination as a preliminary to teaching in the public schools shall be an associate examiner. The city superintendent of schools shall be chairman of the board of examiners. The board of examiners shall meet and hold examinations for the granting of teachers' certificates on such occasions only as may be authorized by the board of directors. Such board of examiners shall have power:

1. To adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the State or the rules of the board of education for its own government and for the examination of teachers and to fix standards of proficiency for the granting and renewing of certificates subject to the approval of the board of directors.

2. To prepare questions on the various subjects prescribed by law and examine by written or oral examination all candidates for the following certificates:

(a) A city high school certificate valid for one year only unless renewed and authorizing the holder to teach or serve as principal in any primary, grammar, or high school in such city.

(b) A city grammar school certificate valid for one year only unless renewed and authorizing the holder to

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teach in any primary or grammar school, or serve as principal in any primary school in such city.

(c) A city primary certificate, valid for one year only, unless renewed, and authorizing the holder to teach in any primary school in the city.

The board of examiners shall report the result of all examinations to the board of directors who, through the president and secretary thereof, shall issue to the successful candidates the certificates to which they are entitled; and said board of directors shall report a list of certificates issued to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the county superintendent of the county in which the city is located.

Renewal of certificates.

3. To recommend to the board of directors renewal of the various renewable certificates, in accordance with such regulations as they may adopt, or as may be prescribed by the board of directors; whereupon said board of directors through its president and secretary, may renew such certificates from year to year.

To revoke certificates.

4. For immoral and unprofessional conduct, profanity, intemperance, or evident unfitness for teaching, to recommend to the board of directors the revocation of any certificates previously granted by said board of directors.

To grant temporary certificates.

5. In case of necessity, to grant, by the chairman of the board of examiners, temporary certificates to teachers of experience of whose ability to pass the regular examination, there is no doubt: *Provided*, That such temporary certificate shall be valid only until the next regular examination, and under no circumstances shall be issued more than once to the same person.

Who may receive certificates.

SEC. 2. No certificate of permission to teach shall be issued to any person not eighteen years of age. No certificate shall be granted to any person whose moral character or habits are known by the board of examiners or board of directors to be bad, or who is afflicted with a serious infectious or hereditary disease. No certificate shall be granted by the board of directors or upon its authority except to successful candidates in a regular or special examination conducted by the board of examiners in accordance with the provisions of law.

SEC. 3. City primary and city grammar certificates shall be granted only to applicants who are found upon examination to have a practical knowledge of pedagogics, school management and the general school system of the State of Washington, and to be proficient in and qualified to teach the following branches: Reading, writing spelling, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, physiology and hygiene, United States history and such other English branches as the board of directors may prescribe: *Provided*, That the examination of applicants for such certificates shall be specially adapted to discover their fitness to teach all the branches named to pupils of primary or grammar grades respectively.

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SEC. 4. City high school certificates shall be granted only to applicants who pass satisfactorily the examination required for grammar certificates and in addition thereto, sustain a satisfactory examination in civil government, physical geography, elementary physics, algebra, botany, and such other branches as the board of directors may prescribe.

High school  
certificates.

SEC. 5. Holders of normal diplomas and holders of State diplomas or State certificates or any certificate authorized by the laws of the State of Washington shall be exempt from all further examinations during the term of validity of such certificates as provided by law. Teachers engaged in the exclusive teaching of music, foreign languages, drawing, penmanship, kindergarten, manual training, domestic science and physical culture shall be exempt from all examinations except such as pertain to the special departments over which they preside.

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SEC. 6. Special certificates shall be granted only to applicants who pass satisfactorily an examination in a special or departmental subject (such as music, foreign language, drawing, penmanship, kindergarten, manual training, domestic science, physical culture, etc.), and such other subjects as are calculated to discover applicants' fitness to teach in public schools.

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