

sum not more than two hundred dollars, together with the costs of such action.

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## CHAPTER 163.

[S. B. 87.]

### AMENDING THE CODE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

AN ACT to amend the Code of Public Instruction of the state of Washington, the same being chapter CXVIII; approved by the governor March 19, 1897, by adding two new sections to said Code, to be known as section 33½ and section 47½, and to amend sections 49, 100 and 112 of said Code of Public Instruction, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

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

SECTION 1. That the Code of Public Instruction of the State of Washington, as approved by the Governor March 19, 1897, be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 33½, which section shall read as follows: Section 33½. The county superintendent shall, each year, hold one or more directors' meetings, the expense of which shall be audited and paid by the county commissioners: *Provided*, That such expense shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars in any one year.

Directors'  
meetings.

SEC. 2. That the Code of Public Instruction be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 47½ which shall read as follows: Section 47½. Whenever any board of directors shall be authorized, by the electors of their district, to erect a school building, it shall be the duty of such board, before entering into any contract for the erection of any building, to obtain the approval of the county superintendent, of the county in which the building is to be erected, of the plans and speci-

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fications for the building to be erected: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to districts having a population of ten thousand or more inhabitants.

SEC. 3. That section 49 of the Code of Public Instruction of the State of Washington, be amended to read as follows: Sec. 49. The duties of the district clerk shall be as follows:

Duties of clerk.

First. To attend all meetings of the boards of directors; but if he shall not be present the board of directors shall select one of their number to act as clerk, who shall certify the proceedings of the meeting to the clerk of the district, to be recorded by him. He shall keep his records in a book to be furnished by the board of directors, and he shall preserve copies of all reports made to the county superintendent, and safely preserve and keep all books and documents belonging to his office, and shall turn the same over to his successor.

To keep record of meetings.

Second. To keep accurate and detailed accounts of all receipts and expenditures of school money. At each annual school meeting the district clerk must present his record book for public inspection, and shall make a statement of the financial condition of the district and of the action of the directors, and such record must always be open for public inspection.

To keep account of finances of districts.

Third. To take annually in May of each year, an exact census of all children and youth between the ages of five and twenty-one years who were *bona fide* residents of the district on the first day of May of that year; and he shall designate the number of weeks each child between the ages of six and twenty-one years has attended school during the school year; the names and sex of all children subject to enumeration, together with the names of their parents or guardians: *Provided*, That Indian children not living under the guardianship of white persons, or who have not severed their tribal relations, or Mongolian children not native born, shall not be included in said census. He shall note all defective youth between the ages of five and twenty-one years; and he shall, on or before the fifteenth day of July, make to the county super-

To take census.

Indian and Mongolian children not to be included.

To make annual report

intendent a full and complete report of all children enumerated, together with a complete statistical report of the affairs of his district, which report shall be verified by affidavit. Said report shall be made upon blanks to be furnished by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and shall contain such items of information as said superintendent shall require, including the following: The names of all persons, male and female, between the ages of five and twenty-one years, residing in the district on the first day of May last past, date of birth of each child, together with the number of weeks each has attended school during the last school year; the residences of the parents or guardians of all such children; which statement must be signed by the parent or guardian, the number of schools or departments taught during the year, and the branches taught; the number of children, male and female, enrolled in the school, and the average daily attendance; the number of teachers employed, and their compensation per month; the number of days school was taught during the past school year, and by whom; the text-books used, and the number of volumes, if any, in the school district library; the aggregate amount paid teachers during the year; the number of school houses in the district, and the value of them; the aggregate value of all school furniture and apparatus belonging to the district; the amount raised by special tax during the year for the support of schools, and for buildings, sites and furniture; the amount raised by subscription, or by other means than taxation; the amount of bonded indebtedness of the district, and the rate of interest paid; the amount of all other indebtedness, and such other items as the Superintendent of Public Instruction may deem of importance, and as may be provided for in the blanks furnished for said report, and the clerk shall keep on file a duplicate copy of said report.

Must enumerate all persons between the ages of 5 and 21.

Number of teachers and compensation.

Amount of bonded and other indebtedness.

To care for buildings.

Fourth. To keep an accurate account of all expenses incurred by him in his district in keeping the school house in repair, in providing for necessary janitor work, and in providing school supplies, and for other expenses incurred by him on account of the school, which accounts

must be audited by the board of directors, and paid out of the district school fund.

Fifth. To give the required notice of all annual or special elections; also, to give notice of the regular and special meetings of the board of directors as herein authorized.

To give notice of meetings.

Sixth. To report to the county superintendent at the beginning of each term of school the name of the teacher and the proposed length of the term, and to supply the teacher with the school register furnished by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

To report contracts of teachers.

Seventh. To issue and countersign all warrants ordered to be issued by the board of directors, and to report to the county treasurer on or before the first Monday of each calendar month all the warrants drawn by the directors of his district, giving date, number and fund on which each warrant is drawn.

To issue warrants and report same.

Eighth. To report to the county superintendent on or before the first day of December of each year the name and residence of every child that failed to attend school as required by law, and shall submit, at their next regular meeting, a duplicate of said report to the school board of his district.

To report to county superintendent.

SEC. 4. That section 100 of the Code of Public Instruction of the State of Washington be amended to read as follows: Section 100. In any county where there are less than twenty-five school districts the county superintendent may, in his discretion, hold an institute; and *provided*, That in districts employing more than one hundred teachers, the city superintendent may, in his discretion hold a teachers' institute in such district, said institute when so held by the city superintendent to be in all respects governed by the provisions of this code relating to teachers institutes held by county superintendents.

Institutes may be held.

SEC. 5. That section 112 of the Code of Public Instruction of the State of Washington be amended to read as follows: Section 112. The board of directors, when in their judgment it is necessary for the purpose of furnishing additional school facilities for their district, or

Tax levy.

for the payment of teachers' wages, or for the building of one or more school houses, or for the repairing of one or more school houses, or for the building of additions thereto, or for the purchase of fuel, supplies, globes, maps, charts, books of reference or other appliances or apparatus for teaching, or for any or all of these purposes, may levy a special tax on the taxable property of the district, not to exceed ten mills on the dollar: *Provided*, That boards of directors of union schools may levy a special tax on the taxable property of the union district not to exceed five mills on the dollar, and the levying of such tax by such union school district board shall not prevent the electors of any district within such union district from levying a tax of ten mills, as hereinbefore provided. School district elections for the purpose of voting special tax, shall be called and conducted in the manner provided for calling and conducting annual school elections. At such elections the ballots shall contain the words, "Tax, yes," or "Tax, no." The officers of the election shall certify the result of the election to the clerk of the district, who shall file said certificate as a part of his records. Whenever a special tax is ordered to be levied, the clerk of the district shall on or before the first day of September, of the year in which such special tax is ordered to be levied, make to the county auditor a certified statement of the number of mills of such special tax which has been ordered to be levied in such district. The county auditor shall extend the same against all the taxable property within such district upon the general assessment roll of the county, showing the amount and kind of property so assessed, and to certify the same to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall proceed to collect the tax in the same manner and at the same time and with the same power and authority to enforce payment of the same, as in the case of county and State taxes. The county treasurer shall place any tax so collected to the credit of the district to which it belongs.

Union  
schools  
levy.

SEC. 6. That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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Passed the House February 27th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 13th, 1907.

## CHAPTER 164.

[S. B. 254]

### CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE TRAVELING LIBRARY.

AN ACT to place the control and management of the traveling library in the hands of a superintendent to be appointed by the State Library Commission.

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

SECTION 1. The State traveling library, together with all books, property, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, shall be under the control and management of a superintendent, to be appointed by, and hold office at the pleasure of, the State Library Commission, which shall have supervision over said superintendent and the books, property, and affairs of said traveling library.

Superintendent.

SEC. 2. The superintendent shall be charged with all the duties now resting upon the State Librarian with reference to said traveling library. The superintendent shall be allowed a salary of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum, and necessary traveling expenses.

Duties.

Compensation.

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