CHAPTER 52.
[ H. B. 104. ]

SCHOOLS—TEACHERS—NOTICE OF NONRENEWAL
OF CONTRACTS

An Act relating to and prescribing the powers and duties of
boards of directors of school districts providing for notice
of nonrenewal of employment contracts, amending section
1, chapter 179, Laws of 1941 (section 4776 of Remington's
Revised Statutes), and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1, chapter 179, Laws of
1941 (section 4776 of Remington's Revised Statutes),
is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Every board of directors, unless other-
wise specially provided by law, shall have power
and it shall be its duty:

First: To employ for not more than one year,
and for sufficient cause to discharge teachers, and
to fix, alter, allow and order paid their salaries and
compensation. The directors, except in districts of
the first class, shall make with each teacher em-
ployed by them a written or printed contract, which
shall be in conformity with the laws of this state, and
every such contract shall be made in duplicate, one
copy of which shall be retained by the school district
clerk, and the other shall be delivered to the teacher
after having been approved and registered by the
County Superintendent as by law required. Every
teacher, principal, supervisor or superintendent hold-
ing a position as such with a school district, whose
employment contract is not to be renewed by the
district for the next ensuing term shall be notified
in writing on or before April 15th preceding the
commencement of such term of the decision of the
board of directors not to renew his or her employ-
ment and the reason or reasons therefor, and if
such notification is not timely given by the district,
the teacher, principal, supervisor or superintendent entitled thereto shall be conclusively presumed to have been reemployed by the district for the next ensuing term upon contractual terms identical with those which would have prevailed if his or her employment had actually been renewed by the board of directors for such ensuing term: Provided, That in union high school districts said written notification shall be given on or before April 30th preceding the commencement of the next ensuing term.

Second: To enforce the rules and regulations prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education for the government of schools, pupils and teachers, and to enforce the course of study lawfully prescribed for the schools of their districts.

Third: To rent, repair, furnish and insure school houses; to employ janitors, laborers and mechanics.

Fourth: To cause all school houses to be properly heated, lighted and ventilated, and to cause all school premises to be maintained in a cleanly and sanitary condition.

Fifth: To purchase personal property in the name of the district and to receive, lease, issue and hold for their districts any real or personal property.

Sixth: To suspend or expel pupils from school who refuse to obey the rules thereof, and they shall exclude from school all children under six (6) years of age.

Seventh: To provide free text books and supplies to be loaned to the pupils of the school, when in their judgment the best interests of their district will be subserved thereby, and to prescribe such rules and regulations as they shall deem necessary to preserve such books and supplies from unnecessary damage; also to provide for the expenditure of a reasonable amount for suitable commencement exercises.
Eighth: To require all pupils to be furnished with such books as may have been adopted by the lawful authority of this state, as a condition to membership in the schools.

Ninth: To exclude from schools and school libraries all books, tracts, papers and other publications of an immoral or pernicious tendency.

Tenth: To authorize the school room to be used for summer or night schools, or for public, literary, scientific, religious, political, mechanical and agricultural meetings, under such regulations as the board of directors may adopt.

Eleventh: To provide and pay for transportation of children to and from school whether such children live within or without the district when in their judgment the best interests of their district will be subserved thereby, but the directors shall not be compelled to transport any pupil living within two (2) miles of the school house. When children are transported from one school district to another the board of directors of the respective districts may enter into a written contract providing for a division of the cost of such transportation between the districts. Whenever any school children are transported by the school district in its own motor vehicles and by its own employees, the board shall have power to provide insurance to protect the district against loss by reason of theft, fire or property damage to the motor vehicle, and to protect the district against loss by reason of liability of the district to persons from the operation of such motor vehicle; and, in event the transportation of the children is arranged for by contract of the district with some person, the board shall have power to require such contractor to procure liability, property, collision or other insurance for the motor vehicle used in such transportation.

Twelfth: To establish and maintain night schools.

Thirteenth: To make arrangements for free in-
Provide instruction for deaf.

Attendance apportionment.

Purchase supplies jointly.

Provide instruction in lip reading to adults handicapped by defective hearing whenever in its judgment such instruction appears to be in the best interests of the school district and adults concerned: Provided, That in the apportionment of the current school fund each district maintaining such classes for free instruction in lip reading shall be credited with one full day's attendance for each day's attendance of two hours or more.

Fourteenth: To join with directors of other school districts in buying supplies, equipment and services collectively by establishing and maintaining a joint purchasing agency or otherwise, when the directors deem it for the best interests of the district.

Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and of the existing public institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

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