

county superintendents and county auditors to the state department of public instruction, blank books, for records of district treasurers and clerks, and such blank forms as are necessary to the proper transaction of the business of school districts; and the state superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized to procure such blanks, blank books and registers from the party who has contracted to furnish the same to the state, which contract shall be let by the commissioner of printing to the lowest bidder, in the same manner as other printing, blanks and paper are let.

State superintendent to provide blanks

SEC. 7. That section 39, of chapter 15, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 39. All officers elected as district officers under this title, shall, within ten days after notice thereof by the clerk, file their acceptance of the same in the office of the district clerk, and a failure to file such acceptance shall be deemed a refusal to serve, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the officers holding over to fill such offices by appointment, until the next annual meeting, and until the successors of such appointees are elected or appointed, and qualify for office.

District officers.

SEC. 8. That sections 116 and 117, of chapter 15, relating to state certificates, be and that the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. That the first proviso of section 36, of chapter 15, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: *Provided*, that when the territory of the district, or the districts to be affected by such formation, alternation or consolidation, consists of parts of two or more counties, the petition shall be presented to the commissioner of such counties, who shall by concurrent action hear the petition in the manner directed, and such action shall be entered upon their records in the several counties, by the several county auditors, who shall file the copies thereof with the clerks of districts affected thereby, in their respective counties, in the manner directed.

Petitions.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved February 25, 1876.

CHAPTER XIV.

AN ACT TO ENABLE WOMEN TO VOTE AT ELECTIONS FOR SCHOOL OFFICERS, AND IN MATTERS PERTAINING SOLELY TO THE MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

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

Women entitled to vote in school matters.—eligible to office.

SECTION 1. That any woman of the age of 21 years and upwards, belonging to either of the classes mentioned in section 1 of article 7 of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, who shall have resided in the United States one year, and in this state for four months next preceeding any election held for the purpose of choosing any officer of schools, or any school district meeting called to consider any measure relating to schools, shall be entitled to vote at such election or meeting, in the school district of which she shall at the time have been for ten days a resident, and any woman so entitled to vote shall be eligible to hold any office pertaining solely to the management of public schools. *Provided*, that it shall be the duty of all judges of election to permit any woman to vote at any election for the purpose of choosing any officer of schools, or any district school meeting called to consider any measures relating to schools, upon their being satisfied that they are otherwise a legal voter, without requiring them to register as now provided by law for male voters.

Duty of judges of election.

SEC. 2. That whenever the charter or act of incorporation of any city or village provides for the election of public school officers within such city or village, at the same election at which other officers of such city or village are elected, the ballot offered by any woman entitled to vote under this act shall not contain the name of any person to be voted for at such election, except such officers of public schools; and all such ballots shall be deposited in a separate ballot box, but canvassed with the other ballots cast for school officers at such election.

Ballot to contain no name but those of school officers.—How deposited—how canvassed:

When act to take effect.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 1, 1876.

CHAPTER XV.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 34, OF CHAPTER 1, GENERAL LAWS OF 1873, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ARRANGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT OF COMMON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. That the fourth sub-division of section 34, of chapter 1, of general laws of 1873, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Fourth—To designate a site for a school house. *Provided*, that the site for a school house shall not be changed after having