

who has not passed a satisfactory examination in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

County superintendent to report any neglect.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the county superintendent of schools to report to the superintendent of public instruction any failure or neglect on the part of any board of education or trustees of a school or institution receiving aid in whole or in part from the state, to make provision for the instruction aforesaid, and such failure or neglect being satisfactorily proven by the county superintendent or by other persons, it shall be sufficient warrant upon which the superintendent of public instruction may withhold the apportionment of the current school fund from such district; *provided*, that not more than one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of said apportionment shall be withheld upon the first (1st) offense, one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) upon the second (2d) and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) upon any subsequent offense.

Text books.

SEC. 5. That the superintendent of public instruction and the presidents of the normal schools of this state be directed to recommend some suitable text-book, and to furnish the same at cost to the several school districts of this state, for the study of physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect, and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 1, 1887.

CHAPTER 124.

[H. F. No. 258]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION OF NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

New school districts.

SECTION 1. Whenever in any school district of this state there are fifteen (15) or more children of school age, whose parents or guardians are legal voters of said district, and reside more than two (2) miles from any school house in said district, upon a petition signed by a majority of such parents or guardians, presented to the board of County Commissioners of the county in which such district is situated, and setting forth therein that by reason of swamps, marshes or other natural impediments it is impractica-

ble to locate a site for, or build a school house, near to the center of the district, the said board of County Commissioners shall act upon said petition, and shall have the power to form a new school district out of the territory of the district aforesaid, in such manner as in the judgment of the board seems most practicable to answer the educational needs of the petitioners and others similarly situated.

SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with or conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

When act to
take effect.

Approved March 5, 1887.

CHAPTER 125.

[S. F. No. 132.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARDS TO FIX THE MINIMUM AGE AT WHICH PUPILS MAY BE ADMITTED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT SIX (6) YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of trustees of any common school district or the board of education of any independent or special district may by vote of a majority of all the members of said board at any regular meeting, exclude from the public school in the district, all children under six years of age, and when such action has been once taken it shall not be changed before the beginning of the next school year.

Age of pupils
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schools.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to
take effect.

Approved March 5th, 1887.