

CHAPTER VII.

An Act to amend title one of chapter thirty-six of the General Statutes, in relation to State Superintendent of Public Instruction. March 9, 1867

SECTION 1.—Superintendent of Public Instruction—how appointed—term of office—to take oath, etc.

2.—Office to be provided—to file all papers, etc.

3.—Salary—traveling expenses, etc.—limitation of contingent expenses.

4.—Designates duties to be performed by Superintendent.

5.—To hold yearly Teachers' Institutes.

6.—When act shall take effect.

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

SECTION 1. That section 40, of chapter 36, of the general statutes, be amended so as to read as follows:

Term of office—
to be sworn

Section 40. The superintendent of public instruction shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice of the senate, and shall hold his office for the term of two years, commencing on the first Tuesday in April; and before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall take and subscribe an oath or make affirmation that he will support the constitution of the United States and of the state of Minnesota, and discharge the duties of his office faithfully, and to the best of his ability, which oath or affirmation shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

SEC. 2. An office shall be provided for him at the seat of government, in which he shall file all papers, reports and public documents transmitted to him by county superintendents or county auditors, or received from other sources; and he shall keep a fair record of all matters pertaining to his office.

Duty of superin-
tendent

SEC. 3. He shall receive annually a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, and also all necessary contingent expenses, for traveling, postage and stationery pertaining to his office, to be audited and paid as the salaries and contingent expenses of other state officers; *Pro-*

Salary

vided, That his contingent expenses for these purposes shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars in any one year.

To hold meeting

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the state superintendent to meet the county superintendents of each judicial district, or of two or more districts combined, if he shall deem it more conducive to the interests of education, at such time and place as he shall appoint, giving due notice of such meeting, the object of which shall be to accumulate valuable facts relative to common schools, to compare views, discuss principles, and in general to listen to all communications and suggestions, and enter into all discussions relative to the compensation of teachers, their qualifications, branches taught, methods of instruction, text books, district libraries, apparatus, teachers' institutes, visitation of schools, and all other matters embraced in the common school system.

Teacher's Institute

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the state superintendent to organize and hold each year a teachers' institute, in such counties as shall be found practicable, encourage the organization of county associations of teachers, and to this end visit and confer with county superintendents and other school officers in different parts of the state.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1867.