

enters upon the duties of said office, take and subscribe the oath prescribed by law, which oath shall be indorsed on the certificate of his election, or appointment, and shall also give a bond, executed by a surety company authorized by do business in the State of Minnesota payable to the State of Minnesota in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be approved by a judge of the district court of the judicial district in which said county commissioner is elected, or appointed, conditioned that the said county commissioner shall well and faithfully, in all things, perform and execute the duties of his office according to law, during his continuance in office, which bond, together with the oath and certificate of election, or appointment, aforesaid, shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of such county and filed with the public examiner of the State of Minnesota, *provided*, that the rate to be paid for such surety bonds shall not exceed the rate now prescribed by law in respect to city and county treasurers' surety bonds, and the amount thereof shall be a charge against the county, payable out of the county revenue fund.

Filing and record.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts, whether general or special, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and three (1903).

Approved April 21, 1903.

#### CHAPTER 314.

S. F. No. 558.

*An act to provide free text books in certain independent school districts in this state.*

Independent school districts.

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

SECTION 1. That in all independent school districts in this state situated within the incorporated limits of a city of under ten thousand (10,000) population, and whose boundary lines are co-terminus and co-extensive with the boundary of said city, the board of education of such school district may, in their discretion, provide free text books for such use of the pupils of all the schools located within such school district, and the expense of securing such text books shall be provided by a tax to be

Free text books may be provided.

Tax  
levy.

levied upon all the property situated within such school district and collected and paid in the same manner as other taxes; and such tax levy shall be deemed to be in addition to the authorized limit of taxation now existing in such district. The sum to be paid for such text books shall be certified by the board of education of such district to the county auditor of the county in which such district is located, and the county auditor shall forthwith proceed to levy a tax sufficient to meet such expense and spread the same upon the tax list at the time of levying all other taxes in such county or school district.

Petition  
and sub-  
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voters.

SEC. 2. Whenever the board of education shall receive a petition signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of such school district, petitioning that such text books be provided for the district, the board in the event of declining to provide of their own motion for such text books shall transmit such petition to the city council of the city in which such district is located, and shall request such city council to submit the proposition of providing free text books in such school district to all the qualified voters of such city at the next regular ensuing municipal election, at which election all the voters of such city entitled to vote upon questions relating to schools shall be entitled to vote upon the proposition to provide such text books, and in the event that a majority of all the votes cast at such municipal election shall be in favor of providing such text books, it shall be the duty of the school board of such school district to provide text books as aforesaid for use of the pupils of such district.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.