

for use, deposit, or transportation, he shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than five years, or be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, and imprisoned in the county jail not more than one year.

Approved May 2, 1896.

### CHAPTER 37.

AN ACT to enable boards of school directors to provide free text-books for pupils in the public schools. S. F. 40.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*

SECTION 1. Whenever a petition signed by one-third or more of the legal voters, to be determined by the school board of any school township or independent district, shall be filed with the secretary, thirty days or more before the annual meeting of the electors, asking that the question of providing free text-books, for the use of pupils in the public schools thereof, be submitted to the voters at the next annual meeting, he shall cause notice of such proposition to be given in the call for such meeting.

Petition by one-third the legal voters.

Free text-book proposition.

Notice to meeting.

SEC. 2. If at such meeting a majority of the legal voters present and voting by ballot thereon shall authorize the board of directors of said school township or independent district to loan text-books to the pupils free of charge, then the board shall procure such books, as shall be needed, in the manner provided by law for the purchase of text books, and loan them to the pupils.

Directors may loan text-books by direction of a majority of legal voters.

SEC. 3. The board shall hold pupils responsible for any damage to, loss of, or failure to return any such books, and shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be reasonable and necessary for the keeping and preservation thereof.

Pupils held responsible for loss or damage.

SEC. 4. Any pupil shall be allowed to purchase any text-book used in the school at cost.

Pupils allowed to purchase books at cost.

SEC. 5. No pupil already supplied with text books shall be supplied with others without charge until needed.

Pupils already supplied cannot draw new books.

SEC. 6. The electors may at any election called as herein provided direct the board to discontinue the loaning of text-books to pupils.

Board may discontinue to loan at any time.

Approved Mar. 7, 1896.

### CHAPTER 38.

AN ACT to authorize kindergartens in independent school districts. H. F. 79.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That the board of directors of any independent school district is hereby empowered to establish within said district, in connection with the common schools a kindergarten, or kindergartens, for the instruction of children, to be paid for in the same manner as other grades and departments.

School board empowered to establish a kindergarten. Payment for same.

Certificate of qualification. Examination.

SEC. 2. All teachers in kindergartens established under this act shall hold a certificate from the county superintendent certifying that the holder thereof has been examined upon kindergarten principles and is qualified to teach in kindergartens.

Approved Mar. 13, 1896.

#### CHAPTER 39.

H. F. 135. AN ACT to amend sections 1766 and 1767, chapter 9, title 12 of the Code of Iowa, in relation to teacher's certificates.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Civics and economics added to examination for teachers' certificate.

SECTION 1. That section 1766, chapter 9, title 12 of the code of Iowa be and is hereby amended by inserting the words, "Elementary Civics and Economics," in the eighth line of said section immediately following the word, "physiology."

First class certificate good for two years.

SEC. 2. That section 1767, chapter 9, title 12, of the code of Iowa be and is hereby amended by inserting the words: "A first class certificate shall be valid for a term of two years, and all other grades of certificates," in the fourth line of said section immediately following the word "effect."

Approved April 10, 1896.

#### CHAPTER 40.

H. F. 480. AN ACT to repeal sections 1 and 2, chapter 20, acts of the 24th G. A., and enact a substitute therefor, changing the term of office of sub-directors from three years to one year.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Sec. 1, 2, Ch 20, Acts 24 G. A., repealed.

That sections 1 and 2, chapter 20, of the acts of the 24th G. A. be, and are hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

Sub-directors to serve for one year.

SEC. 1. All sub-directors elected to fill vacancies occurring in March, 1897, and annually thereafter, shall serve for a term of one year.

Approved April 14, 1896.

#### CHAPTER 41.

H. F. 194. AN ACT to provide for the support fund of the boys' department of the Iowa Industrial School, and to repeal section 1, chapter 21 of the acts of the 15th General Assembly as amended by section 1, chapter 97 of the 17th General Assembly.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

\$10 per month appropriated for each boy in industrial school.

SECTION 1. That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten dollars per month, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for each boy actually supported in