

CHAPTER 136.

SCHOOL YEAR, ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS OF SCHOOL BOARDS, REPORTS OF SCHOOL OFFICERS AND CHANGING OF BOUNDARIES OF SCHOOL CORPORATIONS.

S. F. 37.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in sections twenty-seven hundred thirty-nine (2739); twenty-seven hundred sixty-two (2762); twenty-seven hundred sixty-four (2764); twenty-seven hundred sixty five (2765); twenty-seven hundred sixty-nine (2769); twenty-seven hundred seventy-three (2773); twenty-seven hundred eighty-five (2785); twenty-eight hundred (2800); twenty-eight hundred one (2801); and twenty-eight hundred two (2802) of the code and the law as it appears in sections twenty-seven hundred fifty-four (2754), and twenty-eight hundred six (2806) of the supplement to the code; and to repeal sections twenty-seven hundred fifty-seven (2757) and twenty-seven hundred ninety-three (2793) of the code and enact substitutes therefor, relative to the school year, organization and meetings of school boards, reports of school officers and the changing of boundaries of school corporations.

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

SECTION 1. Reports of county superintendents. That section twenty-seven hundred thirty-nine (2739) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "first Tuesday in October" in line two and insert in lieu thereof the words "last Tuesday in August".

SEC. 2. Term of school treasurer. That the law as it appears in section twenty-seven hundred fifty-four (2754) of the supplement to the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "third Monday in March" in the nineteenth line and inserting in lieu thereof the words "first day of July, unless that date falls on Sunday, in which case on the day following".

SEC. 3. Meetings of directors—election of officers. That section twenty-seven hundred fifty-seven (2757) of the code be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"The board of directors of all independent city, town and village corporations shall organize on the third Monday in March, and those of all other school corporations on the first day of July, unless that date falls on Sunday, in which case on the day following. Such organization shall be effected by the election of a president from the members of the board, who shall be entitled to vote as a member. Such special meetings may be held as may be determined by the board, or called by the president, or by the secretary upon the written request of a majority of the members of the board, upon notice specifying the time and place, delivered to each member in person, but attendance shall be a waiver of notice. Such meetings shall be held at any place within the civil township in which the corporation is situated. On the first day of July, unless that date falls on Sunday, in which case on the day following, the board of all independent city, town and village corporations and the retiring board in all other school corporations shall meet, examine the books of, and settle with the secretary and treasurer for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June preceding, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. On the same day the board of each independent city, town and village corporation, except as provided in section twenty-seven hundred fifty-four (2754) of this chapter, and the new board of every other school corporation, shall elect from outside the board a secretary and treasurer, but in independent districts no teacher or other employe of the board shall be eligible as secretary. All officers shall be elected by ballot and the vote shall be recorded by the secretary. Should the secretary or treasurer fail to report as provided in sections twenty-seven hundred sixty-five (2765) and twenty-seven sixty-nine (2769) of this chapter, it shall be the duty of the new board to take any action necessary to secure a proper settlement."

SEC. 4. Copy of register of warrants—when furnished. That section twenty-seven hundred sixty-two (2762) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "the March and September meetings" in lines six and seven and inserting in lieu thereof the words "each regular annual meeting".

SEC. 5. Register of persons of school age—when made. That section twenty-seven hundred sixty-four (2764) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "September and the third Monday in September" in line two and inserting in lieu thereof the words "June and the first day of July".

SEC. 6. Reports—when made. That section twenty-seven hundred sixty-five (2765) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "third Monday in September of" in the third line and inserting in lieu thereof the words "regular July meeting in".

SEC. 7. Financial statement—when made. That section twenty-seven hundred sixty-nine (2769) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "on the third Monday in September" in the fourth line and inserting in lieu thereof the words "at its regular July meeting".

SEC. 8. Commencement of school year. That section twenty-seven hundred seventy-three (2773) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "third Monday in March" in lines ten and eleven and inserting in lieu thereof the words "first of July".

SEC. 9. Report of school director—when made. That section twenty-seven hundred eighty-five (2785) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "tenth days of September" in the eighth line and inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifteenth days of June" and by striking out the word "fifteenth" in the tenth line and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twentieth".

SEC. 10. Boundary lines changed. That section twenty-seven hundred ninety-three (2793) of the code be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"The boundary lines of contiguous school corporations in the same county may be changed by the concurrent action of the respective boards of directors at their regular meetings in July, or at special meetings thereafter called for that purpose. The corporation from which territory is detached shall after the change contain not less than four government sections of land, and its boundary lines must conform to the lines of congressional divisions of land. In the same manner, the boundary lines of contiguous school corporations in the same county may be so changed that one corporation shall be included in and consolidated with the other as a single corporation."

SEC. 11. School township boards—when organized. That section twenty-eight hundred (2800) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "third Monday in March following" in the last line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "first day of July following, unless that date falls on Sunday, in which case on the day following".

SEC. 12. Division of school township with subdistricts—when made. That section twenty-eight hundred one (2801) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "September" in line three and inserting in lieu thereof the word "July".

SEC. 13. Changes of boundaries—division of assets and liabilities. That section twenty-eight hundred and two (2802) of the code be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"When any changes are made in the boundaries of any school corporations the new corporation shall elect a board of directors in accordance with the new boundaries, and such new boards shall organize as provided in sec-

tion twenty-seven hundred and fifty-seven (2757) of this chapter. The boards of directors in office at the time the changes are made in the boundaries of the school corporations, shall continue to act until the boards of directors representing the newly formed districts have been duly organized, whereupon the new boards shall make an equitable division of all assets and liabilities of the corporations affected; and, if they cannot agree, the matters upon which they differ shall be decided by disinterested arbitrators, one selected by each board having an interest therein, and if the number thus selected is even then one shall be added by the county superintendent, and the decision of the arbitrators shall be made in writing, either party having the right to appeal therefrom to the district court."

SEC. 14. **Estimates for school taxes—when made.** That the law as it appears in section twenty-eight hundred six (2806) of the supplement to the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "March" in line two and inserting in lieu thereof the word "July", and by striking out the word "May" in the fourth and sixteenth lines and inserting in lieu thereof in each place the word "August".

SEC. 15. **In effect.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance shall be in full force and effect on and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 10, A. D. 1906.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, March 13, 1906.

W. B. MARTIN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 137.

QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

S. F. 316.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-seven hundred fifty-eight (2758) of the code relative to the qualification of school directors.

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

SECTION 1. **Qualification of school directors—terms extended** That section twenty-seven hundred fifty-eight (2758) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "each director shall qualify on or before the third Monday in March", in lines three and four, and inserting in lieu thereof the following words "each director elected in March, 1906, or at any regular election thereafter, shall qualify on or before the date for the organization of the board of the corporation in which he was elected"; also by adding to said section after the period in the last line the following words "In all rural school corporations, the term of office of directors whose terms expire on the third Monday in March, 1906, is hereby extended to July 1st, 1906."

SEC. 2. **In effect.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in full force and effect on and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Daily Capital, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 17, A. D. 1906.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Daily Capital, March 17, 1906 and the Register and Leader, March 20, 1906.

W. B. MARTIN,
Secretary of State.