

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER 167 OF THE LAWS OF THE NINETEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND CHAPTER 22 OF THE LAWS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO ENACT A SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR, CREATING A STATE EDUCATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS, AND TO ENCOURAGE TRAINING IN THE SCIENCE AND ART OF TEACHING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

SECTION 1. That chapter 167 of the laws of the Nineteenth General Assembly, and chapter 22 of the laws of the Twenty-third General Assembly are hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

“SEC. 1. The superintendent of public instruction, the president of the state university, the president of the state normal school, and two persons to be appointed by the executive council, one of whom shall be a woman, for terms of four years; *provided*, that of the two first appointed one shall be for two years; and *provided further*, that no one shall be his own successor in said appointments; are hereby constituted a state board of examiners, with the superintendent of public instruction as *ex-officio* president of the board. But the terms of office of the present members of the board shall remain and expire as under the acts repealed.

SEC. 2. The board shall meet at such times and places as its president shall direct for transaction of business, and shall hold annually at least two public examinations of teachers, at each of which examinations one member of the board shall preside, assisted by such well qualified teachers, not to exceed two in number, as the board of examiners may elect. Said board may adopt such rules, not inconsistent herewith, and with the statutes of Iowa, as they may deem proper; and said board shall keep a full record of their proceedings and a complete register of all persons to whom professional certificates, state certificates and state diplomas are issued.

SEC. 3. Said board shall have power to issue professional certificates, state certificates and state diplomas to such teachers as are found, upon examination, to possess good moral character, thorough scholarship, clear and comprehensive knowledge of didactics and successful experience in teaching. They shall also have power to issue state certificates and state diplomas to such graduates of any Iowa state normal school as are shown to possess good moral character, the certificate to be issued when the graduate

6 is proved to have had thirty-six weeks' successful experience in teaching, and the diploma when five years'
7 such experience is shown.

SEC. 4. Candidates for professional certificates shall be examined upon the following branches:
2 Orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, English grammar, physiology, history of the
3 United States, civil government and didactics; candidates for state certificates shall be examined upon the
4 following branches: Orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, English grammar, bookkeep-
5 ing, physiology, history of the United States, American literature, algebra, botany, natural philosophy,
6 drawing, civil government, constitution and laws of Iowa, school laws of Iowa, history of education and
7 didactics; and candidates for state diplomas shall pass examination upon all branches required by candi-
8 dates for state certificates, and in addition thereto in geometry, trigonometry, chemistry, zoology, geology,
9 astronomy, political economy, rhetoric, English literature and general history, and such other branches as
10 the board of examiners may require.

SEC. 5. A professional certificate shall authorize the person to whom it is issued to teach in any public
2 school of the state for the term of three years from the date of its issue; a state certificate shall authorize
3 the person to whom it is issued to teach in any public school of the state for the term of five years from the
4 date of its issue; and a state diploma shall be valid for the life of a person to whom it is issued; *provided*,
5 that any professional certificate, any state certificate and any state diploma may be revoked by the board
6 of examiners for any cause of disqualification, on well-founded complaint, entered by any county superin-
7 tendent of schools.

SEC. 6. The fee for each professional certificate and for each state certificate shall be three dollars, and
2 for each state diploma five dollars, which fee shall be paid before examination to such person as the board
3 of examiners may designate from their own number, and the same shall be paid into the state treasury
4 when so collected; *provided*, that if such applicant shall fail in said examination one-half of the fee shall
5 be returned.

SEC. 7. Every holder of a professional certificate, of a state certificate or of a state diploma shall have
2 the same registered by the county superintendent of schools of the county in which he wishes to teach,
3 before entering upon his work, and each county superintendent of schools is required to include in his
4 annual report to the superintendent of public instruction a full account of the registration of professional
5 certificates, state certificates and state diplomas.

SEC. 8. Any normal school, college or other school within the state maintaining a teachers' training
2 class, may receive such credit from the board of examiners as will entitle those persons completing the
3 course of study of such training class to the professional certificate upon compliance with the following
4 requirements: The course of study shall be submitted to the board and approved by them. Examination
5 papers of candidates while students shall be submitted when requested by the board. The school so recog-
6 nized and approved shall pay the expenses of an annual visitation by some person appointed by the board
7 for the purpose of inspecting the manner in which the work of the school is done. And the school in ques-
8 tion shall comply with any other rules or regulations for their control, prescribed by the board as a condition
9 for recognition under this act.

SEC. 9. Each member of the state educational board of examiners, and each person appointed by said
2 board to assist in conducting examinations, as provided for in section 2 of this act, shall be entitled to
3 receive, for time actually employed in such service, his necessary expenses. And *provided further*, that
4 each member of said board, not a salaried officer, shall, in addition to his necessary expenses, receive the
5 sum of three dollars per day, he or she is actually employed in said examination, which amounts shall be
6 certified by the superintendent of public instruction; and the auditor of state is hereby authorized to audit
7 and draw his warrant for the same upon the treasurer of state; *provided*, the aggregate amount of any one
8 year shall not exceed six hundred dollars.

SEC. 10. The board of examiners shall keep a detailed and accurate account of all moneys received and
2 expended by them, which, with a list of the names of persons receiving professional certificates, state
3 certificates and state diplomas, shall be published by the superintendent of public instruction in his biennial
4 report.”