

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER THIRTEEN (13) OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE, 1907, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SECTIONS TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT (2738), TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (2739) AND TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (2742), RELATIVE TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS, AND EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF TEACHERS, AND TO ENACT A SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. That the law as it appears in chapter thirteen (13) of the Supplement to the Code, 1907, with the exception of sections two thousand seven hundred thirty-eight (2738), two thousand seven hundred thirty-nine (2739) and two thousand seven hundred forty-two (2742), be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

“That county superintendents, who may be of either sex, shall be the holder of a first grade teacher’s certificate or a State certificate or a life diploma, and shall be disqualified during the term of office for holding any other educational or county office, if unable to attend to the duties of the office, he may appoint a deputy with power to act in his stead, except in the visitation of schools and the trial of cases or appeals. He shall visit each school of the county at least once each year, and at such additional times as he may be requested by resolution of the board of any particular school.

SEC. 2. On the last Saturday and preceding Friday of each month he shall conduct an examination of all applicants for teacher’s certificates at the county seat; and on the last two days of each county normal institute, he shall conduct a like examination at the place where such institute is being held. Special examinations may be held at his discretion at such times and places in the county as he may fix.

SEC. 3. Examinations for teacher’s certificates shall include competency in and ability to teach orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, United States history, didactics, elementary civics, elementary algebra, elementary physics, elements of vocal music, physiology and hygiene. Applicants for certificates in special studies need be examined in such studies only, together with orthography, reading, grammar and didactics; but no holder of

6 a certificate for special studies shall be employed to teach any study not included in such
7 certificate. A record shall be kept of all examinations made, with the name, age, residence,
8 and teaching experience of the applicant, with the date of examination, and result thereof. If
9 the examination is satisfactory and the applicant is of good moral character and in all re-
10 spects qualified as an instructor, a certificate to that effect shall be issued for a term not ex-
11 ceeding two years if first grade, and not exceeding one year if any other grade. The exami-
12 nation in elementary civics, elementary algebra, and elementary physics shall be optional with
13 the applicant, but no first grade shall be issued to any applicant who has not passed a satis-
14 factory examination in all such branches.

SEC. 4. The county superintendent may, at his discretion, and upon such terms as he may
2 prescribe with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, renew without exami-
3 nation first and second grade certificates issued in that county, and first grade certificates is-
4 sued in other counties of the State. The County superintendent shall have authority to re-
5 voke any certificate issued by him at any time, for any cause which would have justified a
6 refusal to grant the same, after a hearing upon the facts, of which hearing the certificate holder
7 shall have a personal notice in writing fixing the time and place at least five days in advance;
8 and the certificate holder shall have the right to appear personally and by counsel and make
9 defense and offer and introduce evidence in support thereof.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this act is to be construed to in any way invalidate or shorten the term
2 of any teacher's certificate now in force, or which may be issued prior to the taking effect of
3 this act; and all certificates issued before the taking effect of this act shall be treated in all
4 respects as those issued under the provisions of this act.