

# A BILL

## FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NORMAL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF IOWA.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That for the purpose of educating  
2 and training persons to become teachers in the public schools of Iowa, there shall be established in con-  
3 nection with one graded school in each county in this State, having such graded school, a department to be  
4 called the "Normal Department."

SEC. 2. That in counties having two or more graded schools—desiring the benefits of this act, the  
2 County Superintendent shall upon a careful hearing and consideration of the claims of each applicant, decide  
3 which shall be entitled to the benefit of this act, which shall be and remain in force for three years.

SEC. 3. Any applicant feeling aggrieved at the decision of the County Superintendent may appeal to  
2 the Superintendent of Public Instruction, whose decision shall be final.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors of such independent school district as the Normal Department may be  
2 located in, together with the Principal of the graded school to which said Normal Department may be  
3 attached shall form a Board of Directors, who shall have the control and management of the Normal  
4 Department.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to provide suitable sittings and instruction for  
2 not less than persons who shall receive their tuition free.

SEC. 6. Any person desiring to become a teacher in the public schools of this State may enter the Nor-  
2 mal Department in the county in which they reside or to which they may be attached subject to the  
3 approval of the Board.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors of each Normal Department to notify the Super-  
2 intendent of Public Instruction of their organization, as soon as organized and of the number of pupils  
3 they can accommodate.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Instruction on the first day of  
2 in each year to ascertain what counties are destitute of a Normal Department and to attach them to such  
3 counties as have a Normal Department established in such manner as he may think best for the public good.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to give notice in such  
2 counties as have no Normal Department established, of the county to which they are attached, and of the  
3 number of pupils they are permitted to send, said notice to be given by publication for four weeks in  
4 the paper in which the tax list and the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors are published for said  
5 county.

SEC. 10 It shall be the duty of the Principal of each Normal department or such other person as the  
2 Board may elect to hold a convention on the third Monday of August in each year at  
3 city for the purpose of agreeing upon some uniform course of instruction and text books, to be adopted  
4 by all the Normal Departments in this State, and to devise plans for giving greater efficiency to the Nor-  
5 mal Department.

SEC. 11. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be President of the convention, or in case of  
2 his unavoidable absence, such other person as the Convention may select.

SEC. 12. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of said convention there shall be allowed to the  
2 members of the convention 10 cents per mile for travel each way, and three dollars per day for each day  
3 the convention is in session, which shall not exceed six days.

SEC. 13. The Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer on the presentation of the  
2 certificate of the President of the convention certifying the number of days and the miles traveled by  
3 each member of the convention.

SEC. 14 It shall be the duty of each Principal of the Normal Department to report to the Superintend-  
2 ent of Public Instruction, on or before the first day of in each year, the number of pupils in  
3 attendance and such other statistics as the Superintendent of Public Instruction may require—which  
4 shall be embodied in the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the General Assembly.

SEC. 15. The certificate of the Board of any Normal Department shall entitle the holder to teach in  
2 any of the public schools in this State. -

SEC. 16. For the purpose of carrying into effect this act, the sum of is hereby  
2 appropriated to each Normal Department established under the provisions of this act to be paid over  
3 annually to the Board of Directors of each Normal Department in such manner and at such times as the  
3 Census Board shall direct.