

CHAPTER 110.

LIBRARIES FOR THE USE OF TEACHERS, PUPILS AND OTHER RESIDENTS
IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

S. F. 240.

AN ACT to establish libraries for the use of teachers, pupils, and other residents in all school districts. [Amendatory of chapter 14, title XIII, of the code, relating to the systems of common schools.]

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

SECTION 1. Library fund. The treasurer of each school township and each rural independent district in this state shall withhold annually, from the money received from the apportionment for the several school districts, not less than five nor more than fifteen cents, as may be ordered by the board, for each person of school age residing in each school corporation, as shown by the annual report of the secretary, for the purchase of books as hereinafter provided. When so ordered by the board of directors, the provisions of this section shall apply to any independent district.

SEC. 2. Purchase of books—distribution. Between the third Monday of September and the first day of December in each year the president and secretary of the board, with the assistance of the county superintendent of schools, shall expend all money withheld by the treasurer as provided in section one of this act, in the purchase of books selected from the lists prepared by the state board of educational examiners as hereinafter provided, for the use of the school district; in school townships the secretary shall distribute the books thus selected to the librarians among the several sub-districts, and at least semi-annually collect the same and distribute others.

SEC. 3. State board of educational examiners to prepare lists of books. It is hereby made the duty of the state board of educational examiners to prepare annually or biennially lists of books suitable for use in school district libraries, and furnish copies of such lists to each president, secretary, and each county superintendent, as often as the same shall be published or revised, from which lists the several presidents and secretaries and county superintendents shall select and purchase books.

SEC. 4. Record book. It shall be the duty of each secretary to keep in a record book, furnished by the board of directors, a complete record of the books purchased and distributed by him.

SEC. 5. Librarian. Unless the board of directors shall elect some other person, the secretary in independent districts and director in sub-districts in school townships shall act as librarian and shall receive and have the care and custody of the books, and shall loan them to teachers, pupils, and other residents of the district, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the state board of educational examiners and board of directors. Each librarian shall keep a complete record of the books in a record book furnished by the board of directors. During the periods that the school is in session the library shall be placed in the school-house, and the teacher shall be responsible to the district for its proper care and protection. The board of directors shall have supervision of all books and shall make an equitable distribution thereof among the schools of the corporation.

Approved March 29, 1900.

CHAPTER 111.

COUNTY UNIFORMITY OF TEXT BOOKS.

S. F. 116.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-eight hundred and thirty-one (2831) of the code, relating to county uniformity of text-books.

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

SECTION 1. Petitions. That section twenty-eight hundred and thirty-one (2831) of the code be amended as follows: Strike out the word "one-half" in line three and insert the word "one third" in lieu thereof.

Approved March 29, 1900.

CHAPTER 112.

RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF TEXT BOOKS.

H. F. 113.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-eight hundred and thirty-two (2832) of the code, in relation to the distributioa of text books in counties adopting a uniform series.

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

SECTION 1. County superintendent to distribute—itemized accounts. That section twenty-eight hundred and thirty-two (2832) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

"Unless otherwise ordered by the board of education, the county superintendent shall have charge of such text books and of the distribution thereof among the depositories selected by the board; he shall render to the board at each meeting thereof itemized accounts of his doings, and shall be liable on his official bond therefor."

Approved March 14, 1900.

CHAPTER 113.

RELATING TO SCHOOL FUND, LOANS AND INTEREST.

S. F. 133.

AN ACT to amend sections twenty-eight hundred and forty-nine (2849) and twenty-eight hundred and fifty-five (2855) of the code, relating to the school fund, loans and interest.

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

SECTION 1. Maximum amount of loan increased—rate of interest lowered. That section twenty-eight hundred and forty-nine (2849) of the code be amended by striking out the words "one thousand" in line three, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three thousand." Also by striking out the word "six" in line ten, and inserting the words "not less than five" in lieu thereof.

SEC. 2. Rate of interest on permanent school fund lowered. That section twenty-eight hundred and fifty-five (2855) of the code be amended by striking out the word "five" in line fifteen, and inserting the words "four and one-half" in lieu thereof; also by striking out the word "five" in line nineteen of said section, and inserting the words "four and one-half" in lieu thereof.

SEC. 3. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 3, 1900.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader March 3, 1900.

G. L. DOBSON,
Secretary of State.