

CHAPTER 64.

AN ACT

(H. B. 2)

To establish a uniform-school system in the Territory of Alaska, to create a Territorial Board of Education and Commissioner of Education, prescribing their power and duties, and fixing their compensation, and repealing all acts, and parts of acts in conflict herewith.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. That a general and uniform system of schools shall be maintained throughout the Territory of Alaska, and shall embrace common schools, including High, Grammar, Primary and Kindergarten schools, and such other schools as may be hereafter established; Provided, that nothing in this Act shall be construed as referring to or as including schools for Alaska Natives which are now, and which may hereafter come under the control of the Federal Government, and be administered and supervised through the United States Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior.

School system established.

Section 2. That for the general supervision, government, and control of all the Territorial public schools of Alaska, and for the general supervision, government and control of any other public school, or Territorial Educational Institution, as may now or hereafter be founded, a Territorial Board of Education is hereby created and established to be known as the Territorial Board of Education of the Territory of Alaska.

Territorial School Board authorized.

Section 3. The Territorial Board of Education shall consist of the Governor of the Territory, who shall be ex officio President, and the four senior senators, one from each division of the Territory.

Organization of.

Section 4. The Territorial Board of Education, shall hold its regular meetings on the first day of May, 1917, and bi-ennially thereafter on the second Monday in March in such place at the Capital of the Territory as the president may designate. The regular meetings

Meetings.

may be adjourned from day to day until all business has been disposed of.

Appointment of
Commissioner
of Education
and Clerks.

Section 5. The Territorial Board of Education shall have power, and it shall be its duty to appoint at a salary not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00), per annum, a Commissioner of Education, and upon recommendation of said Commissioner of Education, may appoint such other specialists, clerks and other executive office employees, as in its judgment the execution of the work of the Board may demand, and fix the salaries of the same, provided, however, that the expenses under this section shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), per annum in addition to the salary of the Commissioner of Education.

Term of office
and qualifi-
cations.

Section 6. Said Commissioner of Education shall be chosen for a term of two years upon merit, and because of his special fitness to propose and execute beneficial educational policies for the general supervision, government and control of the public schools of the Territory. The Territorial Board of Education shall have the power to dismiss the Commissioner of Education whenever in its judgment the best interests of the public schools require his removal.

Vacancy,
how filled.

In case a vacancy should arise in the office of Commissioner, either by death, resignation or otherwise, the president of said board shall have the power to fill said vacancy by appointment, said appointee to hold office until the first meeting of the Board thereafter.

Rules and
regulations.

Section 7. The Territorial Board of Education shall have power to make rules and regulations for its own government, and for the government of the Commissioner of Education. It shall assign to the Commissioner of Education his duties, direct him as to his work, and shall be free to change such assignment and directions to meet the necessities of the work under his direction.

Board's
authority
final.

Section 8. It shall constitute a final court of Appeals, in all Educational Controversies, and shall delegate to

the Commissioner of Education the execution of all policies decided upon.

Section 9. It shall prepare a budget of necessary expenses for the maintenance of the Public Schools of the Territory, and the department of the Board of Education, and shall present the same to the legislature at each session. School budget.

Section 9½. It shall require the School Boards to make such reports as deemed necessary. Reports.

Section 10. It shall direct and supervise the auditing of all expenditures of funds and appropriations made for the maintenance and the upbuilding of the public schools of the Territory, and shall have the direction and control of all Territorial school funds and shall make provisions for the payment of all warrants and accounts that may be drawn on said fund. Audit of expenses.

Section 11. The Board of Education shall adopt an official seal. Official Seal.

Section 12. The Commissioner of Education shall be provided with an office by the Territorial Board of Education to be located at the capital of the Territory of Alaska, and shall be furnished with necessary stationery, fuel, light and other essential things. Office and expenses of commissioner.

Section 13. In all Educational matters which involve new policies, and new methods of procedure, the Commissioner of Education shall report back to the board for instructions; but once having been given these instructions, the execution of them shall be left to the Commissioner of Education. Change of policy to be approved by Board.

Section 14. The Commissioner of Education shall be a citizen of the United States, and he shall, before entering upon the duties of his office as Commissioner of Education, take and subscribe to an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of his office, which oath shall be filed with the Secretary of the Territory. Qualifications of Commissioner.

Section 15. The Commissioner of Education before entering upon the duties of his office shall furnish a Bond required.

proper bond of some approved surety company, (such bond and surety or sureties to be subject to the approval of the Territorial Board of Education) payable to the Territory of Alaska, and conditioned upon the faithful performance of his official duties as provided by this Act. Said bonds shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Territory of Alaska.

The Commissioner shall furnish a new bond whenever required by the Board.

Authority.

Section 16. He shall have supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools, and other educational institutions of the Territory of Alaska, to include all public schools within incorporated towns and all public schools outside the limits of incorporated towns.

Travel out-
side Territory,
when.

Section 17. The Commissioner of Education may travel with the consent of the Board of Education without neglecting his official duties as the Commissioner of Education, for the purpose of study and attending educational meetings, outside the territory. Provided, that he shall not absent himself from the Territory for more than ninety (90) days during any one year. Provided, further, however, that no expense shall be incurred under this section unless appropriation is previously made therefore by the legislature.

Proviso.

Reports from
schools re-
ceiving aid
from Terri-
tory.

Section 18. He shall require annually, or at such other times as he may determine, of the teacher, President, Superintendent, or Principal of all public schools or other educational institutions and the School Boards of all School Districts receiving Territorial aid, a report of such facts, arranged in such form as he may prescribe.

Records.

Section 19. He shall keep in his office all records, books and papers pertaining to the business of his office, and shall keep and preserve in his office a complete record of statistics of all matters pertaining to educational interests of the Territory.

How kept.

Section 20. He shall file, all papers, reports and public documents transmitted to him by school officers of the

several school districts of the Territory each year separately. Copies of all papers in his office and his official acts may be certified by him and attested under the official seal of the Board of Education, and when so certified shall be evidence equally and in like manner as the original papers. He shall charge for such certified copy 50 cents per folio and all moneys so received shall be immediately paid to the Territorial Treasurer and accredited to the school fund of the Territory.

Section 21. He shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a minimum course of study for the public schools of the Territory, and such a course be approved by the Board of Education before its adoption.

Course of study for schools.

Section 22. He shall, on approval of the Board of Education, prepare and publish such bulletins or pamphlets relating to various phases of educational work as he may deem necessary for the information and instruction of the citizens of the Territory, and shall distribute the same to the various school boards throughout the Territory.

Bulletins and pamphlets.

Section 23. He shall, with the approval of the Board of Education, prescribe such rules and regulations for the general government of the public schools, as shall be necessary to secure efficiency and promote the true interests of the public schools.

Rules for public schools.

Section 24. He shall prepare uniform questions for use in the examination of pupils of the Territory, completing the grammar-school course of study, and shall prescribe uniform rules and regulations for the conducting of such examinations; provided, however, that accredited schools may be exempt from such examinations at the discretion of the Commissioner of Education.

Examination questions.

Section 25. He shall in conjunction with the Commissioners of Health, prescribe such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the Territory as may from time to time in his opinion be needed to secure thorough sanitary conditions in the public schools throughout the Territory.

Rules for protection of health.

Records to be delivered to successor.

Section 26. He shall deliver to his successor at the expiration of his term of office, all records, books, maps, documents and papers, of whatever kind belonging to his office, or which may have been received by him for the use of his office.

Account of expenses and limit of.

Section 27. He shall submit to the President of the Board of Education a monthly statement with vouchers attached of his expenditures for traveling expenses, together with a statement of his actual subsistence and other expenditures when away from the Capital on work connected with his office, and in the discharge of his official duties, Provided, that such actual traveling and subsistence expenses shall not exceed the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) annually, Provided, further, however that no expense shall be incurred under this section, unless appropriation is previously made therefor by the Legislature.

Teacher's Institute.

Section 28. The Commissioner of Education may in his discretion provide for a Teacher's Institute for teachers in each of the four Judicial Divisions of Alaska, and approve the programs thereof. It shall also be his duty, to examine and accredit the Secondary and Elementary or Grammer Schools of the Territory.

Teacher's certificate.

Section 29. Every person employed as a teacher in the public schools in the Territory of Alaska shall first apply for and obtain a teacher's certificate, as provided in this act.

Issuance of upon certificates from other States.

Section 30. The Commissioner of Education shall have power to grant Territorial certificates by endorsements of approved certificates issued by any State valid for a period equal to that of the certificate presented for endorsement, provided, that such applicant shall present satisfactory evidence that he, or she has been successfully engaged in educational work within two years time prior to the presentation of such certificate. He shall have power to grant Territorial certificates valid for a period of three years by endorsement of diplomas issued by Normal Schools, colleges and universities of approved

standing. All such certificates by endorsement shall be renewable on presentment of proof that the holder has been successfully engaged in educational work during one-half the period in which the certificate was valid or in force.

Section 31. He shall have the power to issue, first, second and third grade Territorial certificates upon examination in such subjects as the Board of Education may prescribe, Provided, that first grade certificates shall be valid for five years, second grade certificates for three years and third grade certificates for one year from the date of issuance, and Provided, further, that any of the certificates mentioned in this section may be renewable upon presentment of evidence that the holder thereof has been successfully engaged in educational work during at least one-half of the period in which the certificate is valid or in force.

Issuance of
Certificates
and period
for which
valid.

Section 32. The Commissioner of Education, may in case of an emergency grant a temporary certificate valid for one year to a teacher, who, in his opinion is entitled to such, and who shall furnish evidence of his, or her, qualifications, Provided, that such certificate shall not be renewable.

Temporary
Certificate.

Section 33. He shall have the power to revoke for immorality, violation of written contract, intemperance, crime against the laws of the Territory or any unprofessional conduct, any certificate which may have been granted, Provided, that no certificate shall be revoked until the accused has been given an opportunity of being heard.

When cer-
tificates may
be revoked.

Section 34. Examinations for all Territorial certificates shall be held at such time as the Commissioner of Education may designate. Such examinations may be held in the division where needed, and shall be under the charge of the Commissioner of Education, a teacher, or other person appointed by him. Said examination shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. The

Examination
for Cer-
tificates.

questions used in these examinations shall be such only as are sent out by him under the seal of the Board of Education.

Papers to be filed with Commissioner.

Section 35. The examination papers, together with recommendations of the examiner in each case shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Education, who shall, if he approves the same, issue to the applicant a Territorial certificate.

Fee for issuance of Certificate.

Section 36. Every person, before receiving any of the said Territorial certificates shall pay the Territorial Treasurer the sum of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50), payable to the Commissioner of Education, which amount shall be accredited to the school fund of the Territory.

Partisan and sectarian books or instruction prohibited.

Section 37. No books, papers, tracts, or documents of a partisan, sectarian or denominational character shall be introduced in any public school under the provisions of this law, and any and every, partisan, sectarian or denominational doctrines are hereby expressly forbidden to be taught therein, and no teacher, or school board shall receive any public money for the maintenance of schools, which have not been conducted in accordance with the provisions of this act.

School year to begin July 1st.

Section 38. The school year shall begin on the first day of July of each year, Provided, that this does not require the school terms to begin on this date, but such terms may begin at such times as fixed by the school board of the school district.

School houses as community centers.

The Trustees of any school district shall have the power to authorize the use of any school house, or school houses, as a community center.

Uniform text books.

Section 39. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Education to recommend to the Territorial Board of Education at its regular meeting—1919, regulations and proposed legislation bearing on the subject of a uniform system of text books in all or part of the public schools within the Territory.

Section 40. The term secondary schools, within the meaning of this act, shall be considered as referring to schools doing work in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, as distinguished from elementary or grammar schools whose work usually covers grades 1 to 8, or from colleges or universities doing work above the 12th grade.

"Secondary schools" defined.

Accredited secondary schools, within the meaning of this act, shall be considered as applying to secondary schools whose work is equal to or above a standard set by the Commissioner of Education of the Territory. In establishing this standard, the Commissioner of Education shall be guided by the practices employed by the University of Washington in accrediting the secondary schools of the State of Washington or by the requirements of other state universities of equal rank in accrediting secondary schools within the state in which they are situated.

"Accredited schools"

Accredited elementary or grammar schools within the meaning of this act shall be considered as applying to elementary or grammar schools whose work is equal to or above a standard set by the Commissioner of Education of the Territory.

Approved May 3, 1917.

CHAPTER 65.

AN ACT

(S. B. 39)

To amend Section 1940 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska relating to the destruction of any boom, wharf, bridge, railway, road or canal in the Territory of Alaska and prescribing the punishment for such offenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. That Section 1940 of the Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska be amended so as to read as follows:

Amendment
Sec. 1940
C. L. A.

Section 1940. That if any person shall wilfully break, cut away, injure, or destroy any boom or wharf lawfully established upon any river or other water in the Terri-

Injury or destruction of certain property forbidden.