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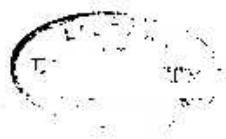
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School officers on retiring from office should deliver this book, with all other papers and documents of an official character, to their successors in office.

PREFACE.

The contents of this pamphlet include:

Sections 7 and 14 of the Enabling Act;

Sections 1 and 6 of Article VII; Article IX;

Section 5 of Article X; Sections 1, 2 and 7 of Article XI; Sections 8, 9 and 10 of Article XIV of the State Constitution;

The School Law of the State, as amended to date;

The law of public contracts;

The law providing for a study of the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics;

The law establishing Arbor Day;

The law relating to compulsory education;

The law organizing a State Normal School; Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind; providing for Kindergartens;

The law fixing compensation of county superintendents and deputies;

The law providing for the purchase and display of flags;

The law defining rate of taxation for school purposes;

The law fixing rate of interest on school orders and warrants;

The law establishing high schools in fourth and fifth-class counties;

The law providing for the organization of schools of Central City under general law;

Blank forms for the use of school officers and teachers;

This edition of the School Law is issued under Section 3973, Mills Annotated Statutes.

The references to Mills Annotated Statutes are to volume 2, unless otherwise designated.

HELEN L. GRENFELL,
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**SECTIONS VII AND XIV OF THE ENABLING
ACT.**

Section 7. That sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six in every township, and where such sections have been sold or otherwise disposed of by any act of congress, other lands equivalent thereto in legal subdivisions of not more than one quarter-section, and as contiguous as may be, are hereby granted to said State for the support of common schools.

Section 14. That the two sections of land in each township herein granted for the support of common schools shall be disposed of only at public sale, and at a price not less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre, the proceeds to constitute a permanent school fund, the interest of which is to be expended in the support of common schools.



SELECTIONS
FROM THE
Constitution of the State of Colorado

Touching Public Schools and School Officers.

ARTICLE VII.

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

Section 1. Every male person over the age of twenty-one years, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections:

First—He shall be a citizen of the United States, or, not being a citizen of the United States, he shall have declared his intention, according to law, to become such citizen, not less than four months before he offers to vote.

Second—He shall have resided in the State six months immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and in the county, city, town, ward or precinct, such time as may be prescribed by law; Provided, That no person shall be denied the right to vote at any school district election, nor to hold any school district office, on account of sex.

1. Women were enfranchised by. L. '98, p. 256, Sec. 1; 3 Mills Ann. St., Sec. 1571a.

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Sec. 6. No person except a qualified elector shall be elected or appointed to any civil or military office in the state.

ARTICLE IX.

EDUCATION.

Section 1. The general supervision of the public schools of the State shall be vested in a board of education, whose powers and duties shall be prescribed by law; the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of State and Attorney General shall constitute the board, of which the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be president.

1. Superintendent of Public Instruction an officer of executive department. Art. IV., Sec. 1.
2. Qualifications of Superintendent. Art. IV., Sec. 4.
3. *Ex officio* state librarian. Art. IV., Sec. 20.

Sec. 2. The general assembly shall, as soon as practicable, provide for the establishment and maintenance of a thorough and uniform system of free public schools throughout the State, wherein all residents of the State between the ages of six and twenty-one years may be educated gratuitously. One or more public schools shall be maintained in each school district within the State, at least three months in each year; any school district failing to have such school shall not be entitled to receive any portion of the school fund for that year.

Sec. 3. The public school fund of the State shall forever remain inviolate and intact; the interest thereon only shall be expended in the maintenance of the schools of the State, and shall be distributed amongst the several counties and school districts of the State, in such manner as may be prescribed by law. No part of this fund, principal or interest, shall ever be transferred to any other fund, or used or appropriated, except as herein provided. The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of this fund, and the same shall be securely and profitably invested, as may be by law directed. The State shall supply all losses thereof that may in any manner occur.

Sec. 4. Each county treasurer shall collect all school funds belonging to his county, and the several school districts therein, and disburse the same to the proper districts, upon warrants drawn by the county superintendent, or by the proper district authorities, as may be provided by law.

Sec. 5. The public school fund of the State shall consist of the proceeds of such lands as have heretofore been, or may hereafter be, granted to the State by the general government for educational purposes; all estates that may escheat to the State; also, all other grants, gifts or devises that may be made to this State for educational purposes.

Sec. 6. There shall be a county superintendent of schools in each county, whose term of office shall be two years, and whose duties, qualifications and compensation shall be prescribed by law. He shall be ex officio commissioner of lands within his county, and shall discharge the duties of said office under the direction of the State Board of Land Commissioners, as directed by law.

Sec. 7. Neither the general assembly, nor any county, city, town, township, school district or other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation, or pay from any public fund or moneys whatever, anything in aid of any church or sectarian society, or for any sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatsoever; nor shall any grant or donation of land, money, or other personal property, ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation, to any church, or for any sectarian purpose.

Sec. 8. No religious test or qualification shall ever be required of any person as a condition of admission into any public educational institution of the State, either as teacher or student; and no teacher or student of any such institution shall ever be required