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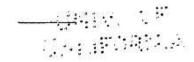


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PUBLIC SCHOOL LAWS.

AN ACT

TO REVISE AND CODIFY THE LAWS OF ARIZONA.

TITLE 17. EDUCATION.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Arizona:

CHAPTER ONE.

TERRITORIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Section 1. The Territorial Board of Education shall consist of the Governor, the Territorial Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Principals of the Territorial Normal Schools and President of the University of Arizona, of which the Governor shall be President and the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be Secretary.

- The Board shall meet at the call of the Secretary, at the capital of the Territory, not less than once in each year, and a concurrence of a majority of all the members of the Board shall be necessary to the validity of any act of the Board.
 - 3. The powers and duties of the Board are as follows:

First. To adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the Territory, for its own government and for the government of the public schools and school libraries.

Second. To devise plans for the increase and management of the Territorial school fund. Third. To prescribe and enforce the use of a uniform series of text books in the public schools; provided, no change of said text books shall be considered or made by the Territorial Board of Education except at its regular meetings, or at some special meeting thereof held for that purpose, and notice of such intention shall be communicated by the Secretary of said Board, in writing, to each County School Superintendent at least sixty days prior to the time of holding such meeting; provided, that on the adoption of a uniform series of text books, such series shall not be changed during the period of four years next succeeding the adoption of such series.

Fourth. To prescribe and enforce a course of studies in the public schools.

Fifth. To adopt a list of books for school libraries.

Sixth. To grant (1) educational diplomas, valid for six years; and (2) life diplomas.

Seventh. To revoke, for immoral conduct or evident unfitness for teaching, Territorial diplomas.

Eighth. To adopt and use, in the authentication of its acts, an official seal.

Ninth. To keep a record of its proceedings.

Tenth. To grant first-grade Territorial certificates, when in their judgment it seems advisable, to graduates of universities and chartered colleges of a similar rank.

- 4. Territorial educational diplomas shall be issued to such persons only as have held a first-grade Territorial or county certificate for at least one year, and who shall furnish satisfactory evidence of having been successfully engaged in teaching for at least five years, and who shall be of good moral character.
- Every application for a Territorial diploma must be accompanied by a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Territorial Board of Examiners, recommending that the same be granted.
- Life diplomas must be issued upon all and the same conditions as educational diplomas, except that the applicant must furnish satisfactory evidence of having

been successfully engaged in teaching for at least ten years, and, in addition thereto, the applicant must pass an examination in pedagogy, history of education, school economy and school government.

- All diplomas issued by said Board shall be signed by a majority of the members of said Board.
- Every person receiving a Territorial diploma must pay to the Board five dollars to defray the expenses of issuing said diploma.

CHAPTER TWO.

TERRITORIAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

- SEC. 9. The Territorial Board of Examiners shall consist of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and two competent persons appointed by him, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum.
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be Chairman of the Board.
- The Board must meet at such times and places as the Chairman directs, and must hold at least two sessions in each year.

12. The Board has power:

First. To adopt rules and regulations governing the examination of applicants for Territorial certificates, and for the government of County School Superintendents in conducting the examination of such applicants for certificates.

Second. To prepare questions for the examination of teachers, and to forward the same to the County School Superintendents for use in the quarterly examinations, which questions shall be divided into four lots, each lot to be enclosed in separate envelope, which shall be sealed with wax bearing the imprint of the seal of the Territorial Board of Examiners, and shall be forwarded to the School Superintendent of each county. The School Superintendent of each county, in the presence of any two qualified county officials and of the applicants for teachers' certificates, shall open one lot of said questions and distribute

same to the applicants at each session of the examination, and there shall be no interruption of said session until each applicant shall have banded in to the said School Superintendent his or her examination paper.

Third. To grant recommendations for life and educational diplomas.

Fourth. To grant Territorial certificates of the first grade, valid for four years.

Fifth. To grant Territorial certificates of the second grade, valid for three years.

Sixth. To revoke certificates of teachers who are guilty of immoral conduct or are unfit to teach.

Seventh. The Board may, at the expiration of the time for which they were granted, renew certificates for a like period for which they were originally granted.

- 13. Every applicant for a first-grade Territorial certificate must be examined by written and oral questions in algebra, geography, history and civics, physiology, hygiene, with special reference to the nature and the effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics and stimulants upon the human system, natural philosophy, orthography, defining, penmanship, composition, reading, method of teaching, grammar, arithmetic and the school laws of Arizona. Applicants for a second-grade certificate shall not be required to pass an examination in algebra or natural philosophy.
- 14. The standing in each study must be endorsed upon the certificate, otherwise it is not a valid certificate.
- 15. Normal School diplomas from any State Normal School in the United States, and life diplomas issued by the State Board of Examination or Education in any State of the United States must be recognized by this Territory as prima facie evidence of fitness for teaching; and the Board may, on application of the holders thereof, issue, without examination, Territorial certificates, and fix the grade thereof.
- The members of the Board shall receive each an annual salary of two hundred dollars, payable out of the