

LAWS

OF

THE TERRITORY OF KANSAS,

PASSED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE

GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF LECOMPTON,

ON THE SECOND MONDAY (12th) OF JANUARY, A. D. 1857.

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AN ACT to amend an act, entitled “an act providing for the establishment of Common Schools.”

Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Kansas:

Duties of the trustees.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the trustees of each of the school districts in the several counties to make out and deliver to the clerk of the board of county commissioners, in their respective counties, on or before the first Monday in September in each year, a report in writing, dated said day, showing the whole number of white children in their district over the age of five and under the age of twenty-one years; the number taught during the last year; the length of time a school has been taught, and whether by male or female teachers; the amount of money paid for teacher's wages, and what portion thereof from public moneys, and such information as may be necessary to enable him to make a satisfactory report to the board of county commissioners.

Duty of the clerk or county commissioners.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of county commissioners to make out a similar report for his entire county, embodying the reports of the several districts therein, and to deliver the same to the secretary of the territory on or before the first Monday in December in each year.

County commissioners shall appoint a school treasurer; his duties.

SEC. 3. The board of county commissioners in each county shall appoint a school treasurer, who shall be allowed a reasonable compensation for his services, and whose duty it shall be to receive and keep the school fund of the county and of the several townships; to lend out the same upon good and sufficient security and upon interest, to be approved by the board of county commissioners, to report annually to the said board, at their September term all moneys in his hands or lent out by him, and the various townships to which the same belong and to pay all orders or warrants for the payment of the school fund which may be drawn upon him by said board. Before entering upon the duties of his office, the said school treasurer shall execute his bond, with security to be approved by the board, in the sum of at least two thousand dollars, conditioned that he will pay over, according to law, all school moneys that may come into his hands, and that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, and deliver to his successor all moneys, books and papers in his hands appertaining to his office, which bond shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. The said board may, whenever they deem necessary, require the amount of said bond to be increased: *Provided*, that the said

school treasurer shall be allowed at least twenty days; notice of such requirement; and in case of his failure to comply with the same within the time specified, his office shall be deemed vacant.

Of the apportionment of the school funds.

SEC. 4. The board of county commissioners in each county shall, at their October term, in each year, apportion the income of the school fund of the several townships among the school districts in proportion to the number of children in each district, and shall issue their warrants, drawn in favor of the trustees of each of the said districts, directed to the school treasure, for the amount due to the said district.

This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 20th, 1857.