

clerks of elections. On the cover of such pamphlets shall be printed the words "Public Property," to be delivered by every officer to his successor.

§ 31. This act shall be immediately published by the State Printer and shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of April 1857, and a copy of this law shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State to each and every town clerk in this State.

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AN ACT to regulate the purchase and disbursement of Stationery for the use of the State.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Gov. to appoint agent to purchase stationery.

§ 1. The Governor of this State is hereby authorized and required to appoint an agent to purchase all stationery for the use of the State at a compensation not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum, which agent shall let the contract every year of furnishing the said stationery to the lowest bidder as provided in section 25 of article four of the Constitution, and the said agent so appointed shall report to the Legislature during the first week of each annual session the amount of stationery purchased by him during the next preceding year up to the day of making such report, of whom all such stationery has been purchased; the amount of cash paid on such stationery, if any; the amount purchased on credit, if any; the amount of indebtedness against the State for stationery, if any; and to whom such indebtedness is due.

Agent to make report.

Examination of proposals.

§ 2. The aforesaid agent shall accompany his report with an affidavit taken before some person authorized to administer oaths that he has purchased the State stationery of the lowest bidder after examining at least six different proposals from wholesale stationers for furnishing said stationery, or after examining at least

six wholesale stationery stores for the purpose of making such purchase, and that he has not either directly or indirectly received any bribe, present or consideration of any kind for purchasing any of such stationery, except the compensation hereby authorized.

§ 3. The said agent shall be required to give a bond running to the State of Wisconsin, with two or more sureties, to be approved by the Governor and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, in sum of at least double the value of all moneys which shall come into his possession during any one year, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties and to secure any and all sums of money with which he may be entrusted.

Agent required to give bond.

§ 4. The State stationery when so purchased shall be deposited with the Superintendent of Public Property for safe keeping and disbursement, and it shall be the duty of said Superintendent of Public Property to open separate accounts with each of the following State officers, viz: The office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Bank Comptroller, State Librarian, with the Supreme Court and the Legislature.

Superintendent of Public Property to open acc'ts with certain officers.

§ 5. The Superintendent of Public Property is hereby authorized to give out all necessary stationery as follows, and to none others: To the Governor or his Private Secretary, for the office of Governor; to the Secretary of State or his assistant, for the office of Secretary of State, and of Commissioners of School and University Lands; to the State Treasurer or his assistant, for the office of State Treasurer; to the Attorney General, for the office of Attorney General; to the Bank Comptroller or his assistant, for the office of Bank Comptroller; to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his assistant, for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction; to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, for the Supreme Court room; to each and every member of the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Clerks and Sergeant-at-arms of the two Houses of the Legislature, and to such other persons as the Legislature of either branch thereof may by resolution designate. No Clerk in any State office or department of State shall be permitted to receive any of the State stationery, unless on the written order of some one of the persons above designated.

Disbursement of stationery.

§ 6. The said Superintendent of Public Property shall be required to charge to each state office, to the Supreme Court and to the Legislature all articles of stationery furnished as provided in this act, entering the cost of the same and shall, whenever required by the Governor or by the Legislature, report the amount of stationery received by him, the amount on hand, giving an invoice thereof, the amount given out by him, to what sources he has distributed it, and the value of the stationery furnished to each state officer, the Supreme Court and to the Legislature, specifying the items and the value thereof, stationery furnished to each, giving the name of each member of the Legislature and those connected therewith to whom stationery has been distributed, the items and the amount in value delivered to each member.

§ 7. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Property, on or before the first day of April, A. D. 1857, to make out an invoice of all stationery, at cost prices, in his possession, under the direction of some competent person, to be appointed for that purpose by the Governor, and the amount of such invoice shall be charged against the Superintendent of Public Property, in book or books of his office, and all subsequent purchases of stationery shall be charged against the said Superintendent of Public property, at cost prices, and the said Superintendent of Public Property shall in his report mention as aforesaid, present on a balance sheet the several amounts with the aggregate amount of all stationery coming into his possession during the next preceeding year up to the time of making such report, and shall credit himself thereon with the several amounts of stationery distributed as provided in this act, and also with the cost value of all the state stationery on hand, and at that and every subsequent report the said Superintendent of Public Property shall charge against himself, in the book or books of his office, the value of all stationery on hand, at the cost prices, as the first entry against himself for the next succeeding year.

§ 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of April, A. D. 1857.

Approved, March 7, 1857.