

sum so loaned, and the same shall be levied and collected out of the taxable property of said county and paid over to the state in the same manner as other state taxes are collected and paid.

SECTION 3. The said board of supervisors of Rock county may at any time after three years from the time of making said loan redeem the full amount of said certificates of indebtedness which at the time of such redemption may remain unpaid, and upon the payment of said certificates the said commissioners shall cancel and return the same to the said board of supervisors. May repay loan previous to time limited.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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### CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT to cheapen the cost of supporting the common schools of the state.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The superintendent of public instruction, R. E. Davis, of Dane county, George H. Paul, of Milwaukee county, George S. Albee, of Winnebago county, and John B. Quimby, of Sauk county, are hereby appointed and constituted a board of text book commissioners for the performance of the duties hereinafter specified in this act. Commissioners

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the passage and publication of this act, the board of commissioners, constituted as provided in the first section of this act, shall assemble at such time and place as shall be designated by the superintendent of public instruction, and when so assembled said board shall proceed to take into consideration the various propositions which have been hitherto submitted to the legislature of Wisconsin, relating to uniformity in text-books for the public schools of this state and the cost of such books, together with such other propositions as may be submitted to or originate with said board, having reference to uniformity and cost of text-books for the public schools of this state, and it shall be the further duty of said board to inquire and determine, from existing facts and Duties of commissioners.

the experience of other states, whether, in the opinion of said board, any economical, practicable and expedient method or plan can be adopted by said legislature for promoting the uniformity, lessening the number, or cheapening the cost of such text-books, to the people of this state.

**Further duties.** SECTION 3. It shall be the further duty of said board to inquire and determine whether any of the proposed reforms in English orthography now under consideration by legislative bodies or in practice in any of the public schools, or commended and approved by association of scholars and experienced teachers in this country or Europe, can be properly and expediently adopted or otherwise encouraged and promoted in the public schools, or in the publication of the official documents of this state, or otherwise.

**Report.** SECTION 4. For the purposes of this act said board may, after its first meeting, meet and adjourn from time to time as the convenience of said board may require, and said board shall report by bill or otherwise such conclusions and recommendations in respect to the purposes for which said board is hereby organized, as in the opinion of said board the facts considered and the interests of the people of the state may seem to warrant, to the next legislature of this state.

**Compensation.** SECTION 5. The members of said board of commissioners shall each receive the actual amount of his expenses in traveling to and from and in attendance upon all meetings of said board, and accounts for such expenses, duly authenticated by the officers of said board, shall be audited by the secretary of state and paid by the state treasurer from the general fund: *provided*, that the terms of appointment of all of said commissioners shall expire with the expiration of the annual session of the legislature of 1879, and that the total amount of expenses provided to be paid under the provisions of this act shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

**Limitation.**

**Vacancies.** SECTION 6. Vacancies in said board of commissioners by reason of resignation or refusal to act, on the part of any member of said board, or for other cause, shall be filled by appointment of the governor.

**Appropriation.** SECTION 7. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient sum for the purposes of this act.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 20, 1878.