

ing, or killing of wild geese between the first day of May and the succeeding first day of September.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 268.

AN ACT to provide for the establishment and maintenance of county training schools for teachers in the common schools, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Training schools.

SECTION 1. The county board of any county within which a state normal school is not located, is hereby authorized to appropriate money for the organization, equipment and maintenance of a county training school for teachers of the common schools.

Board for, created. Members of, how appointed. Duties of.

SECTION 2. A board to be known as the county training school board, is hereby created, who shall have charge and control of all matters pertaining to the organization, equipment and maintenance of such school, except as otherwise provided by law. Said board shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be the county superintendent of schools of the county or district, in which the school is located. The other members of the board shall be elected by the county board, for the term of three years from the date of their election. Vacancies existing in the board from whatever cause, except in the case of

the county superintendent, shall be filled by appointment made by the chairman of the county board, if the county board is not in session when such vacancy occurs. If the county board is in session, vacancies shall be filled by election by said board for the unexpired term. Appointments made by the chairman of the county board, as hereinbefore specified, shall be for the time to elapse until the next regular meeting of the county board. Each person appointed or created a member of the county training school board, shall within ten days after the notice of such appointment, take and subscribe an oath, to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of Wisconsin, and honestly, faithfully and impartially to discharge his duties as a member of said board, to the best of his ability, which oath shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. He shall also, within the same time, file a bond in such sum as may be fixed by the county board, which bond shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Within fifteen days after the appointment of said board, the members thereof shall meet and organize by electing one of their number as president and one as treasurer; the county superintendent of schools shall be ex-officio secretary of the said board. The said board shall prescribe the duties of the several officers, except as fixed by law.

SECTION 3. All moneys appropriated and expended under the provisions of this act, shall be expended by the county training school board, and shall be paid by the county treasurer on orders issued by said board.

Money, how  
expended.

SECTION 4. The state superintendent shall give such information and assistance as may seem necessary in organizing and maintaining such training schools. He shall prescribe the courses of study to be pursued, and shall determine the qualifications of all teachers employed in such schools. He shall have the general supervision of all schools established under this act; shall from time to time inspect the same,

Duties of state  
superintendent.

make such recommendations relating to their management as he may deem necessary, and make such report thereon as shall give full information concerning their number, character and efficiency.

State aid to schools, how apportioned and paid.

**SECTION 5.** Any school established under the provisions of this act, whose courses of study and the qualifications of whose teachers have been approved by the state superintendent, may upon application, be placed upon an approved list of county training schools for teachers. A school once entered upon such list may remain listed and be entitled to state aid so long as the scope and character of its work are maintained in such manner as to meet the approval of the state superintendent; provided that he shall not place upon said list more than two schools. On the first day of July in each year, the secretary of each county training school board maintaining a school on the approved list, shall report to the state superintendent, setting forth the facts relating to the cost of maintaining the school, the character of the work done, the number and names of teachers employed and such other matters as may be required. Upon the receipt of such report, if it shall appear that the school has been maintained in a satisfactory manner for a period of not less than ten months during the year closing on the thirtieth day of the preceding June, the said superintendent shall make a certificate to that effect and file it with the secretary of state. Upon receiving such certificate, the secretary of state shall draw his warrant, payable to the treasurer of the county maintaining such school, for a sum equal to one-half the amount actually expended for instruction in such school during the year; provided, that the total amount so apportioned shall not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars in any year and if more be demanded by such schools, they shall be paid proportionally. The secretary of state shall annually include and apportion in the state tax such sum as shall have been so paid.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 269.

AN ACT to provide for the adjustment of claims of the state of Wisconsin against the United States, for swamp-land indemnity, and for other purposes, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Whereas, the state of Wisconsin has unsettled Preamble. claims against the United States and especially under the swamp-land grant, and after the lapse of nearly fifty years since the passage of said grant, it is full time that all unsettled claims, particularly matters growing out of said grant be finally and definitely settled, and,

Whereas, a bill (Senate 5171), providing for Preamble. the adjustment of the swamp land grant to the state of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, passed the senate of the United States on the thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1899, is now pending in the House of Representatives, and,

Whereas, in and by the terms of said bill the Preamble. secretary of the interior is directed, at the earliest possible time, to complete the adjustment of said grant to said state of Wisconsin upon the basis of the selection made, recorded and certified in the report and list of August thirteenth, A. D. 1881, (see volumes six and seven of Wiscon-