

CHAPTER LXXIX.

An Act to provide for the Establishment of State Normal Schools.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. There shall be established within five years after the passage of this Act, an institution to educate and prepare teachers for teaching in the Common Schools of this State, to be called a State Normal School. There shall be established within ten years after the passage of this Act, a second State Normal School, and within fifteen years a third ; State normal schools how to be established
Provided, there shall be no obligations to establish the first Normal School until the sum of five thousand dollars is donated to the State in money and lands, or in money alone, for the erection of the necessary buildings, and for the support of the professors or teachers in such institution, but when such sum is donated for such purpose, a like sum of five thousand dollars shall be, and hereby is appropriated by the Legislature on the order of the proper officers, and shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated by law, for the use and benefit of such institution.

SEC. 2. Whenever a second sum of five thousand dollars shall have been donated to the State for the establishment of a second State Normal School, a like sum of five thousand dollars shall be and hereby is appropriated by the Legislature, and shall be, on the order of the proper officers, paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated by law for the use and benefit of such institution.

SEC. 3. Whenever a third sum of five thousand dollars

shall have been donated to the State for the establishment of a third State Normal School, a like sum of five thousand dollars shall be and hereby is appropriated by the Legislature, and on the order of the proper officers, shall be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated by law, for the use and benefit of such institution.

First board of directors to be appointed by governor—their successors

Sec. 4. The Governor, within thirty days after the passage of this Act, shall appoint six electors, one from each judicial district, who shall constitute the State Normal Board of Instruction. Those appointed from the even judicial districts, shall hold their offices for the term of four years, and those appointed from the odd judicial districts, shall hold their office for the term of two years. The Legislature shall, during its session in one thousand eight hundred and sixty, elect three Normal Directors to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the term of office of the three directors appointed from odd districts, and biennially thereafter, the Legislature shall elect three directors to fill the vacancies created by this Act. The legislature shall also fill from time to time all vacancies that may arise by death, resignation, removal from the State, or otherwise: *Provided*, that the Normal Board shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring during the recess of the Legislature till its next meeting.

Organization of the board—their offices

Sec. 5. The Normal Board at their first meeting, which shall be held at the Capital of the State, shall severally take and subscribe an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Minnesota, and faithfully to execute the trust and discharge the duties of their office. They shall elect one of their number President, who shall continue in office for two years and until his successor is chosen, and they shall appoint some suitable person as treasurer, who shall hold his office for one year, but may be removed at any time at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bonds in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, faithfully to execute the trust and discharge the duties of his office. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be *ex officio* a member of the Normal Board, and shall be Secretary of the same.

Division of the state into normal districts

Sec. 6. Immediately after the organization of the Board, they shall proceed to divide the State into three Normal districts, uniting in the formation of the first two contiguous judicial districts, of the second, two, and of the third, two.

Location of the schools

Sec. 7. The Normal Schools provided for in this Act shall be located by the Normal Board, but only one shall be located in any one Normal District. In locating any one Normal School, the Board shall have due regard to healthfulness and beauty of situation, to accessibility and general convenience, to the wants of the common schools, and the wishes of donors who may make munificent donations, conditioned upon a particular location.

Sec. 8. It shall not be within the province of the Legislature or of the Normal Board to remove any State Normal School from its original location, during the period of ten years from its establishment, without the consent of the donor or donors, who made to the State the first donation of five thousand dollars for the foundation of such School. Change of location—prohibition

Sec. 9. The Normal Board are authorized and empowered to contract for the erection of all buildings connected with the State Normal Schools, to appoint all professors or teachers in such institutions, to prescribe the course of study and the pre-requisites for admission, and in general to adopt all needful rules for the government of said schools. Erection of buildings and procurement of teachers

Sec. 10. The Normal Board are authorized annually to appoint for each Normal School, a prudential committee, consisting of three persons, one of whom shall be a member of said Board. Said Prudential committee shall have the general oversight and management of the prudential affairs of the several schools, subject to the order of the Board, to whom they shall each make a detailed report of their doings and of the condition and wants of the particular institution committed to their care. Prudential committee—their duties

Sec. 11. There shall be no charge for tuition to persons who may be admitted to the privileges of any State Normal School, and who shall sacredly engage to become teachers of the public schools of the State for such times and on such conditions as shall be prescribed by the Normal Board. Tuition to be free

Sec. 12. The Board, through the State Superintendent, shall make an annual and detailed report of their doings to the Governor, who shall transmit the same to the Legislature. They shall also report respecting the condition, success and progress of the several Normal schools. Annual report to legislature

Sec. 13. The Normal Directors in any Normal District, with the State Superintendent shall be the special visitors of the Normal School in such district, and they, together, or by one or more of their number, or by some competent person or persons of their appointment, shall visit and examine such school at least two days each session, for ascertaining the mode of instruction and the progress of the pupils, and for promoting the best welfare of such institution and of the common schools of the State. Pay of directors

Sec. 14. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,
President of the Senate.

Approved—August the second, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

CHAPTER LVI.

An Act authorizing the board of supervisors of the town of Saint Cloud to issue bonds for the purpose of aiding in the establishing of the Third State Normal School.

March 4, 1867

SECTION 1.—Board authorized to issue bonds.

2.—How bonds may be issued—rate of interest.

3.—How bonds signed—duties of clerk in reference thereto.

4.—How bonds negotiated.

5.—Supervisors may levy special tax.

6.—When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of the town of Saint Cloud are hereby authorized to issue bonds to the amount of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as they may deem necessary, for the purpose of raising money to be donated to the state of Minnesota for the erection of the necessary buildings and the support of the professors or teachers in the third Normal School, as provided by chapter thirty-seven of the general statutes of the State of Minnesota.

Board may issue bonds.

SEC. 2. Such bonds may be issued in such sums as the board of supervisors of said town may direct; they shall be transferable by delivery, and bear interest not exceeding twelve per cent. per annum.

How issued

SEC. 3. All bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be signed by the chairman of the board of supervisors of said town of Saint Cloud and attested by the clerk of the town of Saint Cloud before the same shall be of any validity. Said clerk shall keep a record of all such bonds, and when duly issued they shall constitute a valid and binding debt against the said town of Saint Cloud until paid. Said bonds shall be made payable at such times as said board of supervisors may direct, not to exceed three years from the date thereof.

Bonds—how issued

SEC. 4. The said supervisors may negotiate said

How negotiated bonds, but not for any sum less than their face or par value: *Provided*, That none of said bonds shall be negotiated by said supervisors unless the sum of three thousand dollars can be raised from the proceeds thereof, and when said bonds are negotiated as herein provided, the said supervisors shall pay the amount so received to the State Normal Board of Instruction, provided that no part of said named sum shall be so paid unless the amount thereof, together with other donations for the same purpose, shall amount to five thousand dollars, and upon the payment or tender of payment thereof to said Normal Board of Instruction, or the president thereof, it shall be a full and complete compliance on the part of Saint Cloud with the conditions imposed by said chapter thirty-seven of the general statutes of the state of Minnesota as a pre-requisite to the location and establishment of the third State Normal School at Saint Cloud aforesaid.

Duty of Supervisors

SEC. 5. The supervisors of said town of Saint Cloud shall annually, until the principal and interest on said bonds are fully paid, levy a tax on all the taxable property of said town as assessed for the year, sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and that portion of the principal that may become due in that year, and on or before the fifteenth of October of each year, certify the same to the county auditor of the county of Searns, who shall enter and extend the same upon the tax list for said year, and the same shall be collected as other taxes are collected. When collected the same shall be paid to the legal holders of said bonds as payment thereon.

SEC. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

• Approved March 4, 1867.