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An Act to Provide for Local Assessments in Aid of Public Schools.

SECTION 1. That upon written petition, signed by ten white voters of any school district for white children, or by a like number of colored voters of any school district for colored children, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners wherein such district is located, to post a notice, signed by their chairman, at three public places in such district notifying the white or colored taxpayers, as the case may be, that they will be heard at the next regular meeting of said board as to submitting to the voters the levying and collecting an assessment in such district in aid of the public school in said district.

SECTION 2. In case a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be in favor of such assessment, the board of commissioners shall direct their clerk to make out from the tax list of the township in which such district is situate a list of all the taxable property and poll of the white or colored tax payers as the case may be, in such district, and it shall be the duty of the school committee of such district to aid the clerk in making out said list, and said clerk shall deliver said list to the sheriff of the county with an order signed by him commanding the sheriff to collect said assessment in like manner as provided for the collection of state and county taxes, and said sheriff shall collect and pay over the same to the county treasurer.

SECTION 3. That no election under this act shall be held more than once in any one year.

SECTION 4. That the assessment thus levied and collected from the taxable property and polls of white persons, shall be expended in aiding to keep up the public school in said district for white children of both sexes between the ages of six and twenty-one years; and the assessment thus levied and collected from the taxable property and polls of colored persons shall be expended in aiding to keep up the public school in said district for colored children of both sexes between the ages of six and twenty-one years.

SECTION 5. That the treasurer of any county wherein such assessment shall be levied and collected, shall receive and disburse the same; and his sureties on his official bond shall be responsible for the proper disbursement of all moneys collected under this act.

SECTION 6. The assessments thus collected shall be subject to the orders of the school committee of such district for payment of teachers; provided, that so much of said assessment as shall not be expended in any school district in any one year, shall remain to the credit of said school district for the ensuing year.

SECTION 7. All orders upon said treasurer for the payment of teachers shall be paid out of said assessment, duly countersigned by the county superintendent of public instruction, and shall be signed by the school committee of the district in which the school is taught, which orders duly endorsed by the person to whom the same are made payable, shall be the only valid vouchers in the hands of said treasurer.

SECTION 8. It shall be the duty of said treasurer to keep a book in which he shall open an account with each school district showing the amount of assessment collected and paid by the white districts and by the colored districts respectively, the dates of all payments, the name of the person to whom paid, and the amount of such payments; he shall balance the accounts of each district on the thirtieth day of November in each year, and shall report by letter or by printed circular, to each school committee the balance due each district from the preceding year.

SECTION 9. Said treasurer shall, on the first Monday in December of each year report to said board the amount of money received from the sheriff from each school district; said report shall show the amounts received respectively from assessments paid by the whites on the property, and poll, and the same as to the colored.

SECTION 10. The said treasurer shall when required so to do by said board, produce his books and vouchers for examination, and shall also exhibit all moneys due said districts at each settlement required by this act.

SECTION 11. The said treasurer shall receive as compensation in full for all services required of him by this act, not exceeding twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars' valuation of property and seventy-five cents on the poll, shall be collected on property and the amount on polls respectively, and shall issue a written order, signed by the chairman of said board, to the school committee of such districts, to submit to the qualified white or colored voters of such district, as the case may be, whether an annual assessment shall be levied and collected therein for the support of the public school in said district for the white children, or for the colored children, as the case may be.

SECTION 12. The treasurer of each county shall report to the state superintendent of public instruction on the first day of December of each year, the entire amount received by him under this act during the preceding school year, the amount received from property and polls of the white and the colored respectively, and the disbursements thereof made by him, designating the amounts paid to teachers for the whites and the colored respectively.

SECTION 13. The sheriff of each county shall pay in money to the treasurer thereof, on or before the first day of February of each year, the whole amount collected, less such sum as may be allowed on account of insolvents for the current year, and on failure so to do, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars, and shall also be liable to an action on his official bond for his default in such sum as will fully cover such default, said action to be brought to the next ensuing term of the superior court, and upon the relation of the board of county commissioners for and in behalf of such district.

SECTION 14. It shall be the duty of the county superintendent of public instruction to countersign all orders given by the several school committees upon the treasurer in payment of teachers' salaries, and it shall not be lawful for the said treasurer to pay such orders unless the same have been countersigned by the county superintendent of public instruction; provided, that the said county superintendent shall not have authority to countersign any such order until the teacher in whose favor it is drawn shall have made the reports to the county superintendent required by chapter two hundred of the laws of 1878.

SECTION 15. At the end of each term of such school the teacher or principal of the school shall exhibit to the school committee of the district a statement of the number of pupils, male and female; the average daily attendance and the length of time taught. If the committee are satisfied that the provisions of this act have been complied with, they shall give an order on the treasurer, payable to said teacher, for the full amount due for services rendered.

SECTION 16. That the public school houses may be used for the schools provided for in this act.

SECTION 17. This act shall be in force from its ratification.

three times, and ratified this the 8th day of March, A.D. 1883.

W. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary of State.

WHO WILL FIX THIS? A Western Man who has Tried hard and Failed.

A lady in St. Louis, who recently lost a child, and who had vainly plead with the authorities of the church near her residence not to ring the bell on a Sunday morning when her little darling was so sick, wants to know if we don't think people would go to church on time just as well if no bells were rung.

Well, yes, we believe they would if they wanted to. When the same people go to a theatre no bell is rung, and they get there before the curtain rises with remarkable regularity. No bell is rung to call these church members to their business, and yet they appear regularly at the appointed time.

No bell is rung to tell them that dinner is to be served, and yet they start in time to be there before it gets cold. If a sociable is to take place, and it is known that the lunch will be served at eight o'clock, they all get there before the first plate of oyster soup or the first dish of ice cream is served, and the church bell does not ring for a sociable. When the doors of a circus are advertised to open at two o'clock, we have noticed that no church member comes straggling in after the clown has sung his song, and yet the bells do not ring for a circus.

We cannot account for the necessity of ringing a church bell that often frightens sick persons into convulsions.

But there are so many things in the world that nobody can account for. Who can account for the fact that a dizzy actress can get a thousand dollars a week for repeating lines that another person has written, when the scholarly, eloquently divine, whose life has been passed in study, cannot draw a house big enough to pay him a frugal living.

Who can account for the fact that a girl who can kick high is able to draw five hundred dollars a week, while the good woman who goes about as a missionary reforming the visions, is thrown a quarter to get rid of her, often by the same men who pay a dollar toward the salary of the high kicker.

It is hard to account for the fact that a horse race will clear a thousand dollars in one day, while a church fair which should be patronized by thousands, figures up about enough, after a week's hard work, to pay for a dressing gown for the minister.

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