and the time of the beginning and closing each term shall be regulated by the Board of County School Commissioners, provided that the financial reports of the schools of the State shall be made up and rendered to the thirtieth day of September, inclusive of each and every year, and provided further, that there shall be no change in, or encroachment upon the holidays and vacation set forth and established in the following paragraph. The month of August shall be vacation throughout the whole State, and the following days shall Holidays. be holidays, viz: Thanksgiving Day, from Christmas Eve to the first day of January inclusive, Washington's Birth Day, the Fourth day of July, from the Friday before Easter to the Monday after Easter inclusive, and the Monday of Whitsuntide, and the remaining month of the vacation shall be fixed and designated by the Board of County School Commissioners to subserve the convenience and advantage of their respective counties. In case it may be necessary to open school for a fraction of a term, it shall close at the end of the term, and all accounts shall be settled at the meeting of the County Board held at the close of the term.

CHAPTER VII.

Section 1. No person shall be employed as a teacher under this law unless such person shall certificate. hold a certificate of qualification issued by the Examiner of the county in which he proposes to teach, the Principal of the State Normal School or a diploma as graduate of said Normal school.

Shall hold

Sec. 2. Teachers shall be appointed by the Removals. school District Board and may be removed at any time said Board may think proper after thirty days notice.

Sec. 3. Teachers shall enter into registers pre- Returns. pared for that purpose an accurate account of the attendance of pupils, of text books used, and branches taught and such other statistics as may be required, and make due return thereof to the Board of County School Commissioners at the end of each term, and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register properly filled up and completed be so returned: