

SEC. 4. The State Board of Education shall to the <sup>Duty of the</sup> best of their ability cause the provisions of this law <sup>State Board.</sup> to be carried into effect, and may, if necessary, institute legal proceedings for that purpose, with the direction and advice of the Attorney General; they shall explain the true intent and meaning of the law, and they shall decide, without expense to the parties concerned, all controversies and disputes that may arise under it.

SEC. 5. They shall have the general care and su- <sup>Have general</sup> pervision of the Public School interests of the State; <sup>care and</sup> shall act as assistants and advisers of the various <sup>supervision.</sup> County Boards; and shall from time to time issue circular letters to teachers and commissioners on topics connected with the administration of public schools.

SEC. 6. In order to insure uniformity in the statis- <sup>Uniformity</sup> tical reports of the public schools, they shall issue a <sup>in reports.</sup> uniform series of blanks for the use of teachers and of County Boards, and shall require all accounts to be kept and returns to be made according to these forms.

SEC. 7. They shall, when requested by the Board <sup>Examine</sup> of County School Commissioners, examine candi- <sup>candidates.</sup> dates for the office of County Examiner, and give a certificate of qualification.

SEC. 8. They may grant to teachers of long expe- <sup>Grant certifi-</sup> rience and established reputation professional certifi- <sup>cates.</sup> cates, which shall be valid until revoked for cause.

SEC. 9. The State Board of Education shall be, <sup>Trustees</sup> *ex-officio*, trustees of the State Normal School; and <sup>ex-officio.</sup> the Principal of the State Normal School shall be, *ex-officio*, a trustee of the State Agricultural College.

SEC. 10. All schools and colleges receiving any <sup>To report</sup> State donation shall make a report, on or before the <sup>annually.</sup> fifteenth day of November in each year, of such matters and in such form as the State Board of Education shall require; and said reports, or an abstract therefrom, shall be published by the President of the board in his annual school report.