

general rules, be lent for a limited time to responsible institutions and organizations for the benefit of artisans, mechanics and other citizens of the several communities of the State. He may from time to time enter into contracts necessary for carrying out this provision.

An. Code, sec. 21. 1906, ch. 356. 1908, ch. 494. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 21.

**34.** The state superintendent of schools, acting under the rules and regulations of the state board of education, shall be responsible for the administration of the state department of education, and shall have general supervision of all the professional and clerical assistants of the department. He shall nominate to the state board of education all the professional and clerical assistants of the department and may recommend their dismissal for immorality, misconduct in office, insubordination, incompetency or wilful neglect of duty. But the qualification of all appointments, their tenure and compensation, except as may hereinafter be provided, shall be determined by the state board of education.

An. Code, sec. 21A. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 21A.

**35.** The state department of education shall hereafter be provided with the following professional assistants. Such professional assistants as are employed at the time this section shall take effect shall be eligible for reappointment to the positions which they now hold :

(1) An assistant state superintendent of schools, who shall represent the state superintendent of schools in his absence; shall have charge of the office of the department, the correspondence, publications, records, reports, and educational and financial statistics; shall audit the accounts of the county boards of education, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the state superintendent of schools.

(2) A supervisor of high schools, who shall have supervision of state-aided high schools, shall aid the instructors in all other schools above the seventh grade, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the state superintendent of schools.

(3) A supervisor of rural schools, who shall devote his energies to helping teachers, superintendents and interested citizens to formulate a program of rural education adapted to the specific and general needs of the State, and who shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the state superintendent of schools.

(4) A white supervisor of colored schools, who shall have supervision of all colored schools, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the state superintendent of schools.

(5) And such other clerical and professional assistants and agents as may be authorized by the state board of education within the limits of the appropriation for the State department of education.

An. Code, sec. 21B. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 21B. 1920, ch. 489.

**36.** The State Superintendent of Schools, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, shall direct the taking of a biennial school census of all the children in the State between the ages