

shall they affect his eligibility for reappointment. He may be removed by the Board for immorality, misconduct in office, insubordination, incompetency, or wilful neglect of duty, upon making known to him, in writing, the charges against him, and upon giving him an opportunity of being heard in person or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. In case of vacancy due to any cause, the state board of education shall fill the vacancy, and the appointment shall be for the unexpired term, and until a successor shall qualify.

19. The state superintendent of schools shall explain the true intent and meaning of the school laws and of the enacted and published by-laws of the state board of education. He shall decide, without expense to the parties concerned, all controversies and disputes, involving the proper administration of the public school-system, and his decision shall be final. He shall have authority to administer oaths and to examine under oath, in any part of the State, witnesses in any matter pertaining to the public schools, and to cause the examination to be reduced to writing. Any person, who, having been sworn or affirmed by him to tell the truth, and who wilfully gives false testimony, shall be guilty of perjury.

19A. The state superintendent of schools shall enforce all the provisions of this article and of the enacted and published by-laws of the state board of education. He is empowered to cause the State Comptroller, through written notification, to withhold, in case of violation of any of the provisions of this article or of the by-laws enacted and published by the state board of education, any part or all of any appropriation made by the General Assembly to any educational institution, or to withhold any part or all of any payment or apportionment from the general State school fund to county school boards.

19B. The state superintendent of schools shall execute the educational policies of the state board of education. He shall call and conduct conferences of county school boards, district school trustees, county superintendents, supervisors, attendance officers and teachers, on matters related to the condition, needs and improvement of the schools. He shall prepare and publish such pamphlets as will stimulate public interest, promote the work of education, and foster in teachers professional insight and efficiency. He shall receive and examine all the reports required under the rules and regulations of the state board of education, and in person or through his assistants,