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No. 507.

An Act to further amend "The Education Act, 1875."

[Assented to, October 14th, 1891.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. From and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, no school fee shall be payable by any parent to the Minister, or to any teacher of a public school established under the provisions of "The Education Act, 1875," for the education of any child in any such school until such child shall have been educated up to the compulsory standard, and has attained the age of thirteen years.

No school fees payable after 1st January, 1892, until child reached compulsory standard and attained the age of thirteen years.

2. The Minister may by regulation fix a special or distinct scale of fees to be paid by the parent of any child whose education shall be carried beyond the compulsory standard, and who shall have attained the age of thirteen years; and all fees payable shall be paid to the Treasurer for the public service of the province: Provided that the compulsory standard shall only comprise such subjects as are included in the course of instruction and examination at present provided for the fourth class in public schools.

Fees payable when child has reached compulsory standard, &c.

Definition of "compulsory standard."

3. Sections 13, 14, 15, and 20 of "The Education Act, 1875," and section 4 of "The Education Amendment Act, 1878," are hereby repealed.

Repeal of sections 13, 14, 15, 20 of Act 11, of 1875, and section 4 of Act 122 of 1878.

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Compulsory attendance.

4. The parent of every child of not less than seven nor more than nine years of age shall cause such child to attend a public school, or a certified efficient school, for a period of not less than thirty-five school days in each school quarter of the year, if there be such a school within two miles of such child's residence, measured by the nearest road; and the parent of every child of not less than nine nor more than thirteen years of age shall cause such child to attend for a like period if there shall be such a school within three miles of the residence of such child, measured by the nearest road, unless some reasonable excuse for non-attendance be shown by the parent. Any of the following reasons shall be deemed a reasonable excuse—

- i. That the child is under efficient instruction at home or elsewhere :
- ii. That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness, danger of infection, temporary or permanent infirmity, or any unavoidable cause; but such excuse shall not be entertained unless the parent has given the teacher notice thereof within a reasonable time after the occurrence of such prevention :
- iii. That the child has been educated up to the compulsory standard.

Proviso.

In the event of any child on the roll of a public school being unable to attend for any reason, the parent shall inform the teacher of the said school of the same: Provided that children of not less than five years of age and children of more than thirteen years of age may attend school.

Minister may refuse admission of child in certain cases.

5. The Minister may refuse the admission of any child to any school in the case of any child for whom accommodation has been provided in another school nearer to the dwelling-place of the said child.

Additional regulations may be made.

6. In addition to the powers given in the principal Act for making regulations, regulations may be made for prohibiting the attendance at school of any child suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, or whose presence may be injurious to the health or welfare of the other children, and also for compelling the parents of children to furnish any information required by the Minister as to the names, dates of birth, place of residence of children, and name of last school attended.

Teachers not to serve as jurors.

7. No teacher of any school shall be summoned to attend on any school day to serve as a juryman on any jury, whether civil or criminal.

Election of Boards of Advice

8. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 17 of the Education Act of 1875, at least one-half of the members of Boards of Advice shall, after a date to be fixed by the regulations, be elected

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elected for a period of three years (at least one-third to retire annually) by the parents of children attending schools, in such manner and at such times as may be fixed by regulations.

9. Except in so far as the same are hereby altered, this Act, the said "The Education Act, 1875," the "Education Act Amendment Act, 1877," and "The Education Amendment Act, 1878," shall be incorporated and read together as one Act. Incorporation.

10. This Act may be cited as "The Education Acts Amendment Act, 1891." Short title.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

KINTORE, Governor.