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Education.

Section 1. The stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people,,it shall be the duty of the legislature ~~assembly~~ of Idaho to establish and maintain a general uniform and thorough system of public free common schools.

Sec.2 . The general supervision of the public schools of the state shall be vested in a board of education,whose powers and duties shall be prescribed by law; the superintendent of public instruction,the secretary of state,and attorney general, shall constitute the board of which the superintendent of public instruction shall be president.

Sec.3. The general assembly shall,as soon as practicable provide for the establishment and maintenance of a thorough and uniform system of free public schools throughout the state, wherein all residents of the state between the ages of six and twenty-one years may be educated gratuitously. One or more public schools shall be maintained in each school district in the state at least three months in each year; any school district failing to have such school shall not be entitled to receive any portion of the school fund for that year.

Sec.4. The public school fund of the state shall forever remain inviolate and intact; the interest thereon only shall be expended in the maintenance of the schools of the state,and shall be distributed among the several counties and ~~the~~ school districts of the state in such manner as may be prescribed by law. No part of this fund,principal or interest,shall ever be transferred to any other fund,or used or appropriated except as herein provided. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of this fund,and the same shall be securely and profitably invested as may be by law directed. The state shall supply all losses thereof that may in any manner occur.

Sec.5. The public school fund of the state shall consist of the proceeds of such lands as have heretofore been granted,or may hereafter be granted to the state by the general government,known as school lands,and those granted in lieu of such; lands acquired by gift or grant from any person or corporation under any law or grant of the general government; and of all ~~all~~ other grants of land or money made to the state from the general government for general educational purposes,