

Article — Education.

Sec. 1st

Learning and useful knowledge, being essential to the qualifications of citizens for self-government, to the maintenance of our free institutions, and to the preservation of the state and prosperity of the community at large, it shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide a system of Education by law, which will afford without charge and with equal priviledges, common schools for the use and benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Sec. 2nd

At such time as the free voters of the state shall signify their desire that a state University shall be established in this state, for the purposes of promoting the higher branches of Education in the departments of literature, science, and the learned professions, it shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by law that the institution be established.

Sec. 3^d

Untill such time as the state University shall be established, the lands, assets and moneys, now constituting the University Fund, shall (so soon as Congress shall consent thereto) be and remain part and parcel of the Common School fund.

Sec. 4th

The Common School Fund shall consist of and embrace the matters herein after enumerated:

The net proceeds of all moneys which may accrue to the state by forfeitures and escheat

The net proceeds of all moneys ^{which may be made to the state, as an equivalent} for an exemption from military duty.

The net proceeds of all moneys which may be collected in the several counties for any breach of the penal laws.

The net proceeds of all moneys which may accrue to the state by any grant made by Congress or otherwise, when the object of such grant be not specified.

The donations which may be made for general purposes of education in this state, by Congress, by the state, ^{by any other state,} or by private bequest and gratuity.

The five hundred thousand acres of land the state is entitled to receive by an act of Congress entitled: "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands, and to grant preemption rights." Approved, the twentieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty one. (Provided, that Congress shall consent to the appropriation of the grant of lands last named, in manner as stated.)

Sec. 5th

The Common School fund of this state shall be and remain perpetual and irreducible. And the Legislature shall provide by law for the safe-keeping and management of the fund, and for the ^{annual} appropriation of the proceeds arising upon the interest thereof in a just ratio to the respective counties.

Sec. 6th

The Legislature shall provide by law ~~with~~ a uniform system for the government of Common Schools throughout the entire state, not inconsistent with the restrictions herein after enjoined: