

5-1-7. General powers of commissioner--Plats and records--Sales and leases--Contracts and patents--Seal of office.

The commissioner of school and public lands shall have the direction, management, and control of all lands heretofore granted or which may hereafter be granted to this state by the United States, or otherwise acquired, and of all the plats and records pertaining to the title thereto and the disposition thereof. He shall conduct all sales and have general supervision of all leasing of school and public lands. He shall issue all contracts and patents, and may approve or disapprove any lease submitted to him by the county auditors of the several counties. He shall keep on file all contracts and leases, and shall keep a complete record of all patents to school and public lands, and of all bonds and mortgages for moneys obtained from the permanent funds of school or endowment lands. He shall keep a seal for the use of his office to be known and designated as "the seal of the commissioner of school and public lands."

Source: SL 1911, ch 224, § 1; RC 1919, § 5628; SDC 1939, § 15.0101.

5-1-7.1. Repealed by SL 1976, ch 20, § 14.

5-1-7.2. Additional types of subsidiary leases--Commercial, forestry or military purposes--Rules.

In addition to agricultural and grazing leases pursuant to chapter 5-5, mineral leases pursuant to chapter 5-7, and wind and solar easements and leases pursuant to § 5-4-5.2, the commissioner of school and public lands may, by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26, provide for the establishment of additional types of subsidiary leases on school and public lands. The additional leases may be for commercial or forestry purposes and shall be both economical and consistent with the stewardship of the school and public lands.

Leases may also be established to authorize the use of such lands for military purposes by state or federal military units.

Rules authorized by this section may provide for all necessary considerations, including the creation, marketing, administration, and termination of the leases.

Source: SL 1992, ch 41; SL 2002, ch 29, § 1; SL 2019, ch 45, § 1.