

the same, the names of the inspectors and clerks thereof, and the time of opening and closing the polls. The ballots in favor shall be "for annexation ordinance," and those opposed "against annexation ordinance." Such election shall be conducted and the votes canvassed and returned in the manner required by law at special elections in such village. At the first regular meeting of the president and trustees, after the return of such election shall have been made as aforesaid, such return shall be publicly opened and read by the president, and if it shall appear from said return that a majority of all the votes cast at such election were for the annexation ordinance, such ordinance shall be deemed ratified and approved within the meaning of this act, and the territory described in such ordinance shall thereafter be annexed to and incorporated with such village as fully and completely as if embraced in the charter of such village. Within twenty days after the annexation of any territory as aforesaid the ordinance of annexation, with a certificate of the president of the village that it has been duly ratified at an election held for that purpose, shall be recorded at length in the office of the register of deeds and in the office of the village clerk. All necessary expenses and charges attending upon such annexation shall be paid by such village; provided, that any such incorporated village when so enlarged shall have the requisite number of inhabitants to the square mile, as provided by section 854 of the revised statutes; and provided further, that the total area of such village shall not exceed in the aggregate four square miles.

SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 31, 1883.

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CHAPTER 251.

AN ACT to amend sections 440, 503 and 514 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to the adoption of, and change in text books by school boards.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. That section 440, of chapter 27, of the revised statutes be, and the same is hereby

Relating to
change of
text books.

amended so as to read as follows: Section 440. The district board shall determine what school and text books shall be used in the several branches taught in the schools; they shall make a list of such books and file one copy with the clerk, and keep one copy posted in the school house. When any such text books shall have been adopted, they shall not be changed for the term of three years, and no change of text books shall be made by a school board, unless authorized by a majority vote of the legal voters of a district at a regular annual school meeting, and it is hereby made the duty of the district clerk to embody in his notice of such annual meeting the fact that the question of a change of text books will be submitted to the meeting.

Penalty.

SECTION 2. That section 503 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows; Section 503. Every member of a district board in any school district in this state, every member of a board of education in any city of this state, in which a list of text books has been adopted according to law, who shall within three years from the date of such adoption order a change of text-books in such district or city, shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars (\$50).

Text books,
list to be
posted.

SECTION 3. That section 514 of said chapter 27, of the revised statutes be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 514. The several boards of education having the government in cities of the public schools, shall determine what school and text books shall be used in the several branches of study pursued in the schools, and shall make a list of such books, file a copy with their clerk or secretary and keep a copy publicly posted in each school building. When any such text book shall have been adopted they shall not be changed for the term of three years. Any board of education in any city where the district system is not in force, may, under the limitations of this act, order changes in text books; provided that said changes shall be approved by the common council or board of aldermen of such city, and the aforesaid boards of education are hereby authorized to purchase text books for use in the public schools, and to loan or furnish them to pupils under such conditions or regulations as they may prescribe. But no text books

shall be permitted in any free public schools which would have a tendency to inculcate sectarian ideas.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
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CHAPTER 252.

Kewaunee. (See vol. 2.)

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CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT to provide when chapter 240, of the laws of 1883, shall take effect.

The people of the state of Wisconsin represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Chapter 250, of the laws of 1883, entitled "an act to enlarge the powers of certain incorporated villages," shall take effect from and after its passage and publication. When to take effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved April 2, 1883.

[No. 245, A.]

[Published April 8, 1883.]

CHAPTER 254.

AN ACT to authorize the board of supervisors of Milwaukee county to borrow money for the purposes therein named.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of Milwaukee county are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to borrow upon the notes of the county, signed by the chairman of said board and the county clerk, such sums of money, in anticipation of the incoming taxes of the year, as they shall deem necessary, not exceeding the amount of such taxes, to pay accruing interest on the bonded debts and to meet the current expenses of the county. All such notes shall be paid out of the taxes of the current year at such May borrow money.