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## CHAPTER 214.

AN ACT to amend section 496, Wisconsin statutes 1898, relating to free high schools, and providing for an appropriation to carry out the provisions thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Section 496, chapter 27, of the Wisconsin statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty-five" in the thirty-third line, and substituting therefor the word "seventy-five," and by striking out the word "fifty" in the fortieth line, and substituting therefor the word "one hundred," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 496. Any high school district which shall have established a free high school according to the provisions of these statutes, and shall have maintained the same for not less than three months in any school year, shall be entitled to receive from the general fund of the state annually one-half the amount actually expended for instruction in its high school during such year over and above the amount required by law to be expended for common school purposes, but not to exceed in one year five hundred dollars to one district; provided, this limitation shall not apply to the class of high schools designated in section 491a. To obtain such aid the high school board, or in cities not under a county superintendent, the president and secretary of the board of education and the treasurer, shall, on or before the first day of November, report in duplicate to the state superintendent, under their oaths, the amount actually expended for instruction during the previous school year, specifying

Amount of state aid, how determined.

How state aid to be obtained.

Penalty for failure to comply with law.

the several items thereof, with the date and the object of each fully. Thereupon said superintendent shall fix the amount to be paid such district and certify the same to the secretary of state, with one of such reports annexed; provided, the state superintendent may withhold such certificate from any district for reasons based upon failure to comply with the law relating to free high schools, which reasons he shall transmit to the school board thereof on or before the thirtieth day of the next succeeding June. On such certificate, at any time after the first day of December, the certified amount shall be paid to the district treasurer out of the state treasury. The secretary of state shall annually include and apportion in the state tax all such sums as shall have been so paid. Whenever, by any neglect or omission, any free high school shall fail to have apportioned to it its share of state aid, the state superintendent may, after the time hereinbefore fixed for such apportionment by him, fix an amount ten per centum less than the amount which such school would have been entitled to had it complied with the provisions of this section, and certify the same to the secretary of state with the report of such district annexed thereto, and the secretary of state shall thereupon draw his warrant for such amount or amounts in favor of such district. The whole amount annually paid under the provisions of this section shall not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars, and if more be demanded by such districts they shall be paid proportionally; provided, that if the whole amount authorized to be paid annually in aid of free high schools in towns having no graded schools by section 491b is not demanded or expended under the provisions of that section, then the unexpended balance of the amount therein annually authorized to be paid in aid of such school may be added to and apportioned among the free high schools provided for in section 490 and 491; but no more than one hundred thousand dollars shall be ap-

Limitations as to amount of state aid.

portioned to both classes of schools in any one year.

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

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## CHAPTER 215.

AN ACT to appropriate to Zacharias Simonson and Charles S. Simonson, one hundred and forty dollars for money paid erroneously to the state for swamp and overflowed lands.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to Zacharias Simonson and Charles S. Simonson of Waushara county, Wisconsin, the sum of one hundred and forty dollars out of money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to reimburse them for money erroneously paid to the state for swamp and overflowed lands, to-wit: The south one-half of the southeast quarter of section number seventeen, in township number nineteen, north of range number eleven, east, in the county of Waushara, state of Wisconsin.

Appropriation  
of \$140.

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

Approved April 19, 1899.