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CHAPTER 36.

An ACT to change the boundaries of the towns of Crandon, North Crandon, Caswell and Wabeno, in Forest county, and to create from the territory of the towns of Crandon, North Crandon, Caswell and Wabeno, in Forest county, the towns of Hiles and Laona, and establishing the township system of school government therein.

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

Town of Hiles defined. SECTION 1. All that certain territory now embraced within the boundaries of the town of Crandon, in Forest county, to-wit: Townships thirty-seven, thirty-eight and thirty-nine north, of range twelve east, and all of that certain territory now embraced within the boundaries of the town of North Crandon, in said county of Forest, to-wit: Townships forty, forty-one and forty-two north, of range twelve east, is hereby set off and detached from said towns of Crandon and North Crandon, in said county of Forest, and is hereby created and constituted a separate town to be known and designated as the town of Hiles, in said Forest county.

Town of Laona defined. SECTION 2. All that certain territory now embraced within the boundaries of the town of Caswell in Forest county, to-wit: The north half (being sections one to eighteen inclusive) of township thirty-five and township thirty-six north, of range sixteen east, and all that certain territory now embraced within the town of Wabeno, in said Forest county, to-wit: Township thirty-five and thirty-six north, of range fourteen east, and the north half (being sections one to eighteen inclusive) of township thirty-five and township thirty-six north, of range fifteen east, is hereby set off and detached from said towns of Caswell and Wabeno, in said county of Forest, and is hereby created and constituted a separate town to be known and designated as the town of Laona, in said Forest county.

Territory detached. SECTION 3. All that certain territory within the boundaries of and embraced in the town of Caswell, in Forest county, Wisconsin, to-wit: The south half (being

sections nineteen to thirty-six inclusive) of township thirty-five north, of range sixteen east, is hereby set off and detached from the town of Caswell in said county, and is hereby attached to and made a part of the town of Wabeno, in said Forest county, Wisconsin.

Assets and liabilities apportioned. SECTION 4. The assets and liabilities of said town of Crandon to be apportioned to the said town of Hiles shall bear the same ratio to the whole of said assets and liabilities of said town of Crandon as the assessed valuation for the year 1902, of the taxable property of the above detached territory from the town of Crandon bears to that of the assessed valuation for the year 1902 of the whole of the taxable property of said town of Crandon, as shown by the assessment rolls for the said year 1902.

Assets and liabilities apportioned. SECTION 5. The assets and liabilities of the said town of North Crandon to be apportioned to the said town of Hiles shall bear the same ratio to the whole of said assets and liabilities of said town of North Crandon as the assessed valuation for the year 1902 of the taxable property of the above detached territory from the town of North Crandon bears to that of the assessed valuation for the year 1902 of the whole of the taxable property of said town of North Crandon, as shown by the assessment rolls for the said year 1902.

Assets and liabilities apportioned. SECTION 6. The assets and liabilities of the said town of Caswell to be apportioned to the said town of Laona shall bear the same ratio to the whole of said assets and liabilities of said town of Caswell as the assessed valuation for the year 1902 of the taxable property of the above detached territory from the town of Caswell and by this act made a part of the town of Laona, bears to that of the assessed valuation for the year 1902 of the whole of the taxable property of the said town of Caswell, as shown by the assessment rolls for the said year 1902.

Assets and liabilities apportioned. SECTION 7. The assets and liabilities of the said town of Caswell to be apportioned to the said town of Wabeno shall bear the same ratio to the whole of said assets and liabilities of said town of Caswell as the assessed valuation for the year 1902 of the taxable property of the above detached territory from the town of Caswell and attached to the town of Wabeno bears to that of the assessed valuation

for the year 1902 of the whole of the taxable property of said town of Caswell, as shown by the assessment rolls for the said year 1902.

Assets and liabilities apportioned. SECTION 8. The assets and liabilities of the said town of Wabeno to be apportioned to the said town of Laona shall bear the same ratio to the whole of said assets and liabilities of said town of Wabeno as the assessed valuation for the year 1902 of the taxable property of the above detached territory from said town of Wabeno bears to that of the assessed valuation for the year 1902 of the whole of the taxable property of said town of Wabeno, as shown by the assessment rolls for the said year 1902.

First town meeting, when and where held; appointment of inspectors. SECTION 9. The qualified electors of the town of Hiles shall meet at the office and store building of F. P. Hiles, near the sawmill now being constructed by said F. P. Hiles on section ten, in township thirty-seven north, of range twelve east, in said town of Hiles, on the day appointed by law for the holding of annual town meetings and the election of town officers in this state. The qualified electors of the town of Laona shall meet at Sargent's hall at Laona, located on the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty, township thirty-six north, of range fifteen east, in said town of Laona, on the day appointed by law for the holding of annual town meetings and the election of town officers in this state. The qualified electors of said towns, respectively, shall at such town meeting in the manner provided by law elect town officers for the said respective towns, and for the purpose of said town election the qualified voters in each of said towns, respectively, shall between the hours of nine and eleven o'clock in the forenoon of said day choose three of their number to act as inspectors of the election, and such inspectors shall before entering on their respective duties severally take and file the usual oath of office and file the same with their returns, and such inspectors shall respectively canvass and return the votes cast at such election in all respects as provided by law for inspectors at annual town meetings. And the qualified electors so assembled at the respective places aforesaid may vote for judicial officers to be chosen on the same day and the votes cast for such judicial officers, whether for justices of the supreme court, judge of the circuit court or county judge, or all of them, shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner and shall have the same effect as if said towns of Hiles and Laona were fully and completely organized.

When towns deemed organized. SECTION 10. When such election shall have been held as herein provided and the town officers of the respective towns required by law elected and such officers, respectively, have qualified, as required by law, the said towns of Hiles and Laona shall be deemed and shall be duly organized, and shall possess all the rights, powers, privileges and liabilities of other towns in this state.

Township system of school government established; board of directors. SECTION 11. The township system of school government shall be operative and in force in said towns of Laona and Hiles at and from the time this act goes into effect until such time as the same shall be abolished in the manner provided by law. The territory hereby detached from said towns of Caswell, Crandon, North Crandon and Wabeno shall, from the organization of said towns of Hiles and Laona, respectively, be completely severed from and independent of said towns of Caswell, Crandon, North Crandon and Wabeno, or any school district, joint school district, sub-district, or joint sub-district therein, for school purposes, and such detached territory shall be annexed or formed into such sub-districts in said towns of Hiles, Laona and Wabeno, respectively, as the board of school directors of said towns of Hiles, Laona and Wabeno shall respectively order. And the clerks of the various school districts and sub-districts, together with the clerks of the joint school districts and joint sub-districts, the school houses of which are situated in said towns, respectively, shall constitute the first board of directors in each of said towns, and they shall meet and organize within two weeks after the organization of each said town and hold their offices until the next annual meeting of the sub-districts of each said town.

Authority of county board not abridged. SECTION 12. Nothing in any of the provisions of this act, or any other act, shall be so construed as to abridge any of the powers of the county board of supervisors of Forest county to set off, organize, vacate or change the boundaries of any of the towns created by, or mentioned in, this act at any time hereafter in accordance with the powers conferred by law upon county boards by virtue of the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 13. Any and all acts or parts of acts in any manner conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 37.

AN ACT relating to the duties, qualifications and salary of the state superintendent.

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

Qualifications; oath of office. SECTION 1. No person shall be eligible to the office of state superintendent of public instruction, who shall not, at the time of his election thereto, have taught or supervised teaching in the state of Wisconsin, for a period not less than five years, and who shall not, at such time, hold the highest grade of certificate which the state superintendent is by law empowered to issue. He shall, within twenty days after he receives notice of his election, and before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office, which shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Supervisory duties generally. SECTION 2. He shall have general supervision over the common schools of the state, and it shall be his duty:

School work. 1. To ascertain, so far as practicable, the conditions of the public schools of the state; to stimulate interest in education; to spread as widely as possible, through public addresses, bulletins, and by conferences with school officers, teachers and parents, a knowledge of methods which may be employed to introduce desirable improvements in the organization, government and instruction of the schools:

School books. 2. To prohibit the use of sectarian books and sectarian instruction in the public schools; to advise in the se-