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CHAPTER 421.

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 205, of the laws of 1901, entitled "An act to amend section 1 of chapter 317 of the laws of 1899 entitled 'An act to provide for the increase of the members comprising school district boards in certain cases.' "

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

When membership of board may be increased; vacancies, now filled. SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 205 of the laws of 1901 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. Any school district containing within its boundaries a city in which a high school is maintained and which expends annually in the maintenance of its schools a sum exceeding four thousand dollars, may, upon determining so to do by the vote of the electors present, at any annual school meeting held in such school district, have a district board comprising seven members which shall be known as the school board of the city, comprising in whole or in part such district, three of whom shall be the director, treasurer and clerk, as now provided by law, who shall each discharge the separate duties now imposed upon him by law, and shall be elected and hold office for the term now provided by law, and no two of whom shall be residents of the same ward in such city until each ward therein shall have at least one member on such board. Where such school district and city are identical in territory, the members of said district board shall be chosen one from each ward of such city in the order in which the wards are numbered until the full number is chosen; provided, that in case such city have fewer than seven wards additional member or members shall be chosen from the district-at-large; and, provided further, that in school districts having school boards elected under and pursuant to section 1 of chapter 317 of the laws of Wisconsin for 1899 or under said act as amended by chapter 205 of the laws of Wisconsin for 1901, members of such boards, including those chosen to fill vacancies, shall be chosen from wards not represented as herein provided until such representation shall be fully established, provided the

electors of such school districts decide at any annual meeting to adopt the provisions of this act. Removal by a member of such board from the ward from which he was chosen shall create a vacancy. And all directors, clerks and treasurers now in office in such districts, shall continue in their respective offices during the full term for which they were elected. The remaining four members of such district board, shall be elected as school district officers are now required to be elected, at the annual school meeting which may adopt this act; two of said four shall be elected for the period of one year and the remaining two for the period of two years and until their successors have been elected or appointed. At every succeeding annual school meeting in such district there shall be elected in addition to a director, clerk or treasurer, as the case may be, two of such additional members of such board, who shall hold their office for two years and until their successors are elected or appointed. In case of vacancies in the said board, such vacancies shall be filled as now provided for filling vacancies in district boards, *the members so chosen to hold until the next annual district meeting * * ** Such school boards shall exercise all the powers, and discharge all the duties now imposed upon the district boards of such districts. Regular meetings of said board shall be held, and special meetings thereof may be called upon request of any three members of such board to the clerk, who shall thereupon, at last twenty-four hours before such special meeting is held, give written notice thereof to the remaining members of the board.

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

Approved June 19, 1905.