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CHAPTER 527.

AN ACT amending section 496 of the statutes, as amended by chapter 345, laws of 1901, amending chapter 214, laws of 1899, relating to state aid for free high schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 496, of the statutes, as amended by chapter 345, laws of 1901, amending chapter 214, laws of 1899, is amended to read:

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

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No. 143, S.]

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CHAPTER 528.

AN ACT to amend section 170 of the statutes, relating to the salary of the factory inspector and of assistant factory inspectors.

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

SECTION 1. That paragraph of section 170 of the statutes providing for the salary of factory inspector is amended to read:

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SECTION 2. That paragraph of section 170 of the statutes providing for the salary of assistant factory inspector is amended to read:

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population, or if a village or city shall be interested at the office of the village or city clerk for the purpose of recanvassing the votes cast in each municipality for the election of high school officers and certifying the result to the proper clerk. Said clerk shall certify the name of the officer or officers elected in said district to the clerk of each town, village or city, in the joint free high school district. The officers so elected shall have the same authority, be charged with the same duties, and be under the same liabilities as other officers of free high school districts.

(Ch. 438, 1907.)

Membership of school boards: proposed increase; notice, period and petitioners. SECTION 493b. The number of members of any school board shall not be increased as provided in section 1,* unless a notice in writing of the proposition for such increase, signed by at least twenty-five electors of the school district, shall be filed with the clerk of said district, at least ten days prior to the annual meeting; and the clerk shall include in the notice of such meeting the substance of such proposition.

(Ch. 198, 1907. Numbered "493b" by Sec. 11, Ch. 676, 1907.)

State aid to high schools: conditioned on eight months' maintenance. SECTION 496. 1. Any free 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 * * * *eight* months in any school year, shall be entitled to receive from the general fund of the state annually one-half of 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 * * * *town free high schools.*

Application before August; grant and expenditure; state superintendent's power. 2. 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 * * * *August*, report in duplicate to the state superintendent, under their oaths, the amount actually expended for instruction during the

*The section referred to is section 1, Ch. 421, L. 1905.

previous school year, specifying 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, * * * *that the state superintendent may withhold such state aid from any free high school district in which the scope and character of the work are not maintained in such manner as to meet his approval; or in which the high school building, the outhouses and the grounds, or the furniture and equipment are not maintained in good condition and kept clean and free from any unsanitary features; or in which the high school is not provided with sufficient equipment, including globes, maps, blackboards, library, scientific apparatus, and other essentials for the proper work of the school; or for failure to comply with any of the provisions of the free high school law. He may order and direct that an amount equal to the whole or a part of such state aid for any year shall be expended in the purchase of proper equipment, and in case of failure of the district to comply with such direction he shall withhold from the aid to that district an amount equal to the sum ordered to be expended.* 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.

Failure to report; ten per cent deduction. 3. The secretary of state shall annually include and apportion in the state tax all such sums as shall have been paid. Whenever, * * * *owing to any failure or neglect to make the report required by law, any free high school shall fail to have apportioned to its shares of the 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.*

Annual maximum; distribution of aid. 4. 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 as provided by section 491b as amended by this act, 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 schools may be added to and apportioned among the free high schools provided for in sections 490 and 491. * * *

(Ch. 527, 1907.)

Manual training in three upper grades; inspector's duty. SECTION 496b. Any board having charge of a free high school or of a high school having a course of study equivalent to the course or courses prescribed by the state superintendent for such schools may establish and maintain a department of manual training in connection with the *high school* under its management, *or in connection with said high school and the three upper grades next below the high school, as said board shall decide.* The expense of maintaining such department shall be provided for in the same manner as other expenses of maintaining * * * *such schools*, and such department shall be under the management, direction and control of such board. The state superintendent shall, so far as his other duties may warrant, give such information and assistance as may seem necessary in organizing and maintaining such departments, and in arranging schemes and outlines of work; and with the aid of the inspector of high schools, *and when occasion shall require it, with the aid of the inspectors of graded schools*, shall have the general supervision of all manual training departments established under this section; and shall from time to time inspect the same, make such recommendations relating to their management as he may deem necessary, and make such report thereon as shall give full information concerning their number, character and efficiency. The state superintendent shall establish a standard of qualification for all teachers in such department, and may grant special certificates to such applicants as are fully qualified to instruct in special lines of manual work, which certificates shall be in such form and for such time as he may prescribe, and shall be regarded as qualifying the holders thereof to teach in any manual training department.

(Ch. 503, 1907.)

Manual training: maximums of state aid. SECTION 496c. Any * * * school whose course of study or outline of work