

Stearns, William Otis, J. H. Budd, M. D. Miller, John Childs, A. E. Green, D. D. Read, Peter Conrad, S. Cornelius Jun., A. Lull, P. Work, James Crawther, A. Case, S. L. Rose, W. Farrington, J. W. Robinson, N. E. Chapin, J. W. Fish, E. L. Harris, J. H. Dudley, M. B. Williams, E. D. Underwood, James Delany, Norman Clinton, J. I. Waterbury, their associates and successors be and are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of Wayland University. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession with power to sue and be sued; to adopt and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure; to acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property, \* \* \* for the benefit of said University; to make and establish by-laws, rules, and regulations for conducting the business and affairs of the corporation, not inconsistent with any law of this state. Said corporation shall possess all the powers and privileges usually held and exercised by college and university corporations.

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

Approved May 28, 1909.

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## CHAPTER 217.

AN ACT to amend section 490 of the statutes, relating to the establishment of free high schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 490 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 490. 1. Any town, village, city, school district or sub-district \* \* \* may establish and maintain not exceeding two high schools in the manner and with the privileges herein provided; but no such school shall be established or maintained unless twenty-five persons of school age, resident of the town, city or village or school district, or sub-district, pass a satisfactory examination in the branches required to be taught in the common school and are prepared to beg'n a high school course.

2. The question of establishing such schools may be submitted by the town, district, sub-district, village board, or common council to the legally qualified voters at any annual or special meeting or election upon written resolution therefor proposed for adoption; provided that ten days' notice of such purpose embodying such resolution be given by posting five copies thereof in five different public places in such town, village, city, school

district or sub-district, or by publishing such notice in any newspaper published in any such town, village, city, school district or sub-district, ten days prior to the time set for holding such meeting. In the case of a sub-district the meeting may be called by the clerk thereof. The vote shall be taken by ballot and canvassed according to the statutes for conducting elections in such municipality, those ballots in favor being written or printed "for high school," those opposed, "against high school." If the resolution be adopted such town, district, sub-district, village or city shall constitute a high school district. But this section shall not apply to high schools already established.

3. No action heretofore taken by any town, village, city, school district or sub-district in voting to form a high school or joint high school shall be invalid by reason of any defect in the form of notice given or the time such notice shall have been given, posted or published; but all steps heretofore taken by any town, village, city, school district or sub-district in forming a high school or joint high school are hereby validated, and declared to conform to law.

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

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## CHAPTER 218.

AN ACT to create section 1379—31gm, and to amend sections 1379—16 and 1379—31m of the statutes, permitting new parties to be added in drainage proceedings and giving the court power to permit amendments to petitions and reports.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1379—31gm. Any person owning land contiguous to the boundaries of any drainage district may at any time make application to the court to have said land included in the said drainage district, and the court may, after due notice of said application, make an order adding said land to the said district with like force and effect as if the same had been added by the original petition or any report of the commissioners.

SECTION 2. Sections 1379—16 and 1379—31m of the statutes are amended to read: Section 1379—16. 1. Within ten days after said commissioners shall be appointed and qualified they shall meet and organize by electing one of their number secre-