

court for said Lincoln county, and the said actions, proceedings and matters shall be thereafter considered in said court the same as other actions, proceedings and matters regularly pending in said circuit court.

SECTION 3. After this act shall take effect the circuit court of Lincoln county and the judge and clerk thereof shall have the same jurisdiction, power and authority over all actions, proceedings, judgments, orders, records and files in said superior court as if the same were in said circuit court.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first Monday in May, 1911.

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CHAPTER 369.

AN ACT to amend section 16 of chapter 459, laws of 1907, relating to school boards and common and high schools in cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16 of chapter 459, laws of 1907, is amended to read: Section 16. 1. The said board shall report to the common council of each city under this act, at or before the first meeting of the council in September in each year, the amount of money required for the next fiscal year for the support of all public schools in said city including high schools, and it shall be the duty of said common council to levy and collect a tax upon all the property subject to taxation in said city, at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected by law, which, together with the other funds provided by law, and placed at the disposal of said city for the same purpose, shall be equal to the amount of money so required by the said board of school directors for school purposes, as provided in this act; the said board shall also report to the common council, at the same time as above, the amount of money required for the next fiscal year for the repair and keeping in order of school buildings, fixtures, * * * and the repair of broken or worn out furniture, the making of material betterments to school property and the purchase of the necessary additions to school sites, in accordance with the provisions of this act, and it shall be the duty of the said common council to levy and

collect a tax upon all the real and personal property in said city subject to taxation, at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected by law, which shall be equal to the amount of money so required by the said board of school directors for the said purpose, as provided in this act; provided, that the tax so levied upon each dollar of the assessed valuation of all property, real and personal, in said city, subject to taxation shall not in any one year, *prior to July 1st, 1911, exceed * * * four mills, nor in any one year thereafter four and one-half mills* for the support of all schools, and one-half mill for the repair and keeping in order of school buildings, fixtures, grounds and fences, the purchase of school furniture and the repair of broken and worn out furniture, the making of material betterments to school property and the purchase of necessary additions to school sites, and the said taxes for the purpose named in this section shall be in addition to the tax to be levied for the general city purposes upon all the taxable property of said city. The said tax and the entire school fund of the city shall not be used or appropriated directly, or indirectly, for any other purpose than the payment of the salaries of the superintendent of schools and his legally authorized assistants, the secretary of the school board, and legally qualified teachers whose appointment is confirmed by said board and such employes as the board may deem necessary, the necessary and current expenses of the schools including the purchase of school supplies, apparatus, fuel, gas, electricity or electrical power and * * * *such other school purchases and purposes * * * as may be required for the proper maintenance and administration of the schools.*

2. All moneys received by or raised in such city for school purposes shall be paid over to the city treasurer, to be disbursed by him on the orders of the president and secretary of said board, countersigned by the city comptroller; provided, that the president, instead of signing each order, may certify upon the pay rolls furnished by the secretary to the comptroller to the fact that the amounts therein are correct as allowed by said board. Provided, that the board of school directors may provide by resolution for the payment of all persons employed by said board in the service of the city upon monthly pay rolls and the manner in which the same shall be certified, audited and approved and payment made thereon and such pay rolls shall in all cases be certified by the president and secretary and finance committee of said board of

school directors and countersigned by the city comptroller of such city.

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

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CHAPTER 370.

AN ACT relating to the aggregate funded debt of cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. The principal of the aggregate funded debt of cities of the first class, shall never exceed a sum equal to five per centum on the amount of the assessed value of the taxable property in any such city, which value shall be ascertained and determined by the average annual amount of the assessment rolls thereof for the next preceding five years, and all bonds hereafter issued by any such city shall contain a covenant to that effect, and all bonds, notes or other evidences of debt, payable at a future day, which shall be issued by any such city contrary to this section, and in excess of the limitation herein prescribed, either with or without statutory authority, shall be void; provided, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply to or include orders drawn upon the city treasurer, payable out of the revenues of the current year; and provided, further, that the common council may, borrow from time to time upon the notes of the city, signed by the mayor and city comptroller, such sums of money in anticipation of the incoming tax of the year as they shall deem necessary to pay accruing interest on the funded debt, and to meet the current expenses of the city, and all such notes shall be paid out of the taxes of the current year at such time as may be agreed on—not later than the first day of February next following their date; and provided, further, that nothing herein contained shall be held to abrogate or impair, modify or repeal the provisions of section one of chapter two hundred and fifty-two of the laws of 1899 or of section one of chapter two hundred and fifty-six of the laws of 1899 or of section nine hundred and forty-one of the statutes of 1898. If in any case, any such city or any officer of such city shall hereafter threaten or attempt to issue