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CHAPTER 181.

AN ACT to amend section 425, subsection 3 of section 431a, subsection 2 of section 490, section 495—9, section 496p, subsection 1 of section 496—1, and subsection 2 of section 516 of the statutes, relating to time of calling meetings of school districts.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 425, subsection 3 of section 431a, subsection 2 of section 490, section 495—9, section 496p, subsection 1 of section 496—1 and subsection 2 of section 516 of the statutes are amended to read: Section 425. The annual district meeting in all school districts not containing in whole or in part an incorporated city or village shall be held on the first Monday in June, but in all school districts containing in whole or in part an incorporated city or village it shall be held on the first Monday of July, unless that be a legal holiday, in which case it shall be held on the next day at * * * *eight* o'clock in the afternoon * * * , and any annual meeting heretofore or hereafter held shall be valid notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any special or local law; provided, that that part of this section fixing the date of the annual school district meeting shall not become effective until the third day of January, * * * 1916. *Any special meeting of any school district shall be held on the day called for at eight o'clock in the afternoon.* It shall be the duty of the district board to meet on the Saturday immediately preceding the annual meeting, carefully examine the accounts of the treasurer, and make up a full and itemized report of all receipts and expenditures since the last annual meeting, of the amount in the hands of the treasurer or the amount of the deficit for which the district is liable, of the amount necessary to be raised by taxes for the support of the school for the ensuing year, and of the amount required to pay the interest or principal of any debt due or to become due during such year; which report shall be submitted in writing at the annual meeting and recorded by the clerk at length with the action thereon in the proceedings of the meeting.

(Section 431a) 3. The election of officers shall be by ballot, and suitable ballot boxes shall be provided therefor. The polls shall be opened at three o'clock in the afternoon of the day fixed by law for holding the annual school district meeting, and shall be closed at * * * *eight* o'clock of the same day. The time of opening and closing the polls, as well as the place of holding

the election, shall be specified in the notice of such meeting, but a failure to so specify the time of opening and closing the polls and designating the place shall not vitiate such election.

(Section 490) 2. The question of establishing such schools may be submitted by the town, district, subdistrict, 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 subdistrict, or by publishing such notice in any newspaper published in any such town, village, city, school district or subdistrict, ten days prior to the time set for holding such meeting. *District meeting of high schools of any kind shall be called for eight o'clock in the afternoon.* In the case of a subdistrict 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, subdistrict, village or city shall constitute a high school district. But this section shall not apply to high schools already established.

Section 495—9. The annual union free high school district meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the third Monday in March, unless that be a legal holiday, in which case it shall be held the next day.

The election of district officers shall be held in some convenient room in the union free high school building, if there be such building, and if not, then in some other convenient room determined upon by the board and specified in the notice. If the notice does not so specify it shall be understood that the building in which the last annual meeting was held shall be the building designated.

The election of officers shall be by ballot and suitable ballot boxes shall be provided therefor. The polls shall be opened at one o'clock in the afternoon of the day fixed by law for holding the annual free high school district meeting and shall be closed at * * * *eight* o'clock of the same day. The time of opening and closing the polls, as well as the place of holding the election, shall be specified in the notice of such election or meeting, but a failure to so specify the time of opening and closing the polls and designating the place where the annual meeting or election is to be held and conducted shall not vitiate such election.

Immediately after the polls are closed and the ballots counted, the electors shall organize for the purpose of conducting the regular and usual business, other than the election of officers, necessary for carrying on and maintaining the union free high school. As soon as the meeting is regularly organized, the result of the election of officers shall be declared.

The officers conducting the election shall consist of the union free high school district clerk and two other persons selected by the school district board. If an incorporated village is comprised in the district one officer shall be selected from the village and one from the territory lying outside of the village and included in the union free high school district. The inspectors and clerks of this election shall make and keep a list of all the electors, men and women, voting at the election.

The amount of compensation paid to the inspectors or clerks of election shall be such sum as may be agreed upon by the district board, not to exceed two dollars for each inspector engaged and acting in conducting this election, said compensation to be paid from any funds in the treasury of the school district not otherwise appropriated.

Section 496p. Upon the filing with the town clerk or clerks of each town included in any town free high school district and with the village clerk of any village included therein, a petition in writing signed by at least ten per cent of the qualified electors of such town high school district as determined by the last preceding gubernatorial election asking to have submitted to a vote of the electors of said district the question of erecting a new school building therein or building an addition to a schoolhouse or furnishing such building with necessary furniture and heating and ventilating apparatus, the supervisors of the several towns and the trustees of any village included in any such joint free high school district, shall give notice of an election to be held in such towns or town and towns and village for the purpose of voting upon such question, which shall be submitted to be voted upon in the form of a resolution embodying the question to be submitted and the amount of money proposed to be raised for such purpose upon which the electors shall vote aye or nay, and such resolution shall be adopted if a majority of the total vote in the entire joint free high school district be in favor thereof. Before issuing notice of such election the town clerks of the several towns and villages, if any, included in such school district, shall meet and determine on a time for holding such election, which shall be held in each town and village upon the same day *at eight o'clock in the afternoon*; and within ten days after such election shall have been had the clerks of the several towns and

villages included in such district shall meet and canvass the returns of such election and announce the result thereof and make a written report thereon and file the same with the clerks of the several towns and villages included in such school district. Such election shall be noticed and conducted and the votes counted in the several towns as at town meetings and in a village, if any, as at village elections.

(Section 496—1) 1. Whenever fifteen per cent of the electors of any rural school district, and one or more contiguous school districts or subdistricts within or outside of an incorporated village shall petition therefor the respective school boards shall meet at a place designated by the school board of the petitioning district having the largest population to fix a time for an election to determine whether the district schools within the districts shall be consolidated. They shall fix the date of the election at not less than four nor more than eight weeks from the time of their meeting and notify the district clerks of the date. *Such election shall be called for eight o'clock in the afternoon.* The district clerks of the respective districts and subdistricts shall post the notices of election as notices of school district meetings are posted. The elections shall be held by the school officers of the respective districts by written ballots. They shall report the result of the election in their respective districts to the clerk of the district in which the meeting to fix the time of the election is held, within three days after the election. The respective school boards one week after the election shall meet in the same manner and place as for calling the election and shall canvass the returns.

(Section 516) 2. The supervisors shall grant a public hearing and when the hearing is closed they shall at once proceed to create one or more suitable independent districts making the order to take effect on Saturday, June 22, * * * 1916, and the date for the first district meeting shall be the first Monday in July at * * * *eight* o'clock in the afternoon. When assembled at such meeting the electors shall have power to elect a clerk for one year, a treasurer for two years and a director for three years, and to transact any and all other business provided for by section 430 of the statutes. If a town operating under the township system is indebted to the state or to any individual, firm or corporation, the supervisors shall determine the amount of such indebtedness due from each new district and certify such amount to the clerk of the new district and file their determination in the office of the town clerk. It shall be the duty of the town clerk to send at once a certified statement of the indebtedness as apportioned to the different districts, to the individual,

firm or corporation, or the secretary of state, as the case may be, and it shall also be the duty of the town clerk to place in the tax roll annually, the amount of principal and interest to be collected from each district to meet its obligations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 182.

AN ACT to amend section 1412m—2 of the statutes, relating to blanks and forms for local health officers.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1412m—2 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1412m—2. 1. All record books, quarantine cards, * * * and other material needed to satisfactorily carry on the work of the board, except such as is furnished by the state board of health, shall be supplied by the local health officer and paid for at public expense, upon the order of the local board of health.

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2. *The blanks used by physicians and other persons reporting dangerous, communicable diseases to the local health officers shall be furnished by the state board of health, and distributed by the local health officer in each district. These blanks shall be of the general form adopted and approved by the state and territorial health authorities in conference with the United States Public Health Service.*

3. *Local health officers, or boards of health, shall, within seven days after the receipt by them of reports of cases of notifiable, communicable diseases, and as much oftener as the state board of health may require, forward by mail to the state board of health the original written reports made by physicians and other persons, after having transcribed the information given in the respective reports in a book, or other form of record, for the permanent files of the local health office. On each report thus forwarded the local health officer shall state whether the case to which the report pertains was visited, or otherwise investigated, by a representative of the local health office, and whether measures were taken to prevent the spread of the disease or the occurrence of additional cases.*

4. *The local health officer, or board of health, shall, when an*