

or more persons partially dependent therefor, the death benefit shall not exceed four times the amount devoted by deceased, during the year immediately preceding his death, to the support of such dependents and shall be apportioned according to the percentage that the amount devoted by the deceased to the support of such person or persons, for the year immediately prior to the accident, bears to the average annual earnings of the deceased. *Where, by reason of minority, sickness, or other causes during such year, the foregoing basis is unfair or inadequate, the death benefit shall be such sum as the commission may determine to be fair and just, considering the death benefits allowed in other cases where such untoward causes do not exist.*

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

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CHAPTER 370.

AN ACT to detach certain territory from the union free high school district of the towns of Saxon, Gurney and Kimball, in Iron county.

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

SECTION 1. Sections thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, twenty-two, twenty-four, twenty-five, and all of sections twenty-three, twenty-six, twenty-seven, thirty-four, thirty-five, and thirty-six, all lying and being in township forty-seven, range one east, the south half of sections eight and nine and all of sections one, two, three, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, and thirty-six, all lying and being in township forty-six, range one east, are hereby detached from the union free high school district of the towns of Saxon, Gurney and Kimball, in Iron county.

SECTION 2. Said territory shall be liable for its just share of all liabilities, likewise credited with its just share of all assets of said district.

SECTION 3. The credits shall be apportioned pro rata in the proportion the assessed value of said detached territory bears to the said district according to the last assessment in said towns.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 371.

AN ACT to repeal sections 496—10 and 496—11 of the statutes, to amend subsection 1 of section 496—1 and subdivision (1) of section 496—6 of the statutes, and to create a new section of the statutes to be numbered 496—10, relating to the aid for consolidated school districts, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 496—10 and 496—11 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. Subsection 1 of section 496—1 and subdivision (1) of section 496—6 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 496—1) 1. Whenever fifteen per cent of the electors of any rural school district, and one or more contiguous school districts * * * 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 * * * *two*, nor more than * * * *four* 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 * * * 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 496—6) (1) To a consolidated rural school district maintaining a school consisting of one department formed by the uniting of two or more school districts * * *, one-