

No. 581, S.]

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CHAPTER 621.

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 2, laws of 1918 (second special session), relating to investment by counties, towns, cities and villages in bonds or other securities of the United States.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 2, laws of 1918 (second special session) is amended to read: (Chapter 2, laws of 1918, second special session) Section 1. The county board of any county, the town board of any town, the city council of any city, whether organized under general or special charter, * * * the village board of any village or the school district board of any school district may from time to time authorize and direct the treasurer of any such county, town, city, * * * village, or school district to invest any of the funds of any such county, town, city, * * * village or school district in bonds or other securities of the United States, or in bonds or other securities issued by any such county, town, city, village or school district. *The county board of any county, the board of any town, village or school district, or the council of any city, however incorporated, may authorize and direct the proper officers to hypothecate or sell, any or all of such bonds or securities so purchased when necessity therefor may require.*

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

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CHAPTER 622.

AN ACT to amend subsection (1) of section 40.02 of the statutes, relating to alteration of school district boundaries, to create section 40.135 and to amend subsection (1) of section 20.25 of the statutes, relating to aid for rural schools and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (1) of section 40.02 of the statutes is amended to read: (40.02) (1) The town board, village board, or city council, as the conditions may demand, shall make a written order describing any territory detached from one district and attached to another. They shall also specify in such order

the number of any district dissolved and the name of the town or towns part of which composed it. If two or more districts are united wholly the number of each such district shall be specified and also the number of the enlarged district, with the names of the town or towns and the county or counties interested. A copy of any order made relating to alteration, or formation, or consolidation of school districts shall be filed with the clerk of each town, village, or city interested and with the county or district superintendent of schools, within ten days from the day the order is made and no order of change of boundaries, or dissolution, or creation, or union of districts shall be made to take effect between December first and the first day of the following April, without the consent of the state superintendent. *Provided further that no order of change of boundaries or dissolution or creation of districts shall be made as a result of which any school district shall have an assessed valuation of seventy-five thousand dollars or less without the consent of the state superintendent.*

SECTION 2. A new section is added to the statutes to be numbered and to read: 40.135 (1) Any school district having an assessed valuation of seventy-five thousand dollars or less for each one-room rural school maintained by the district shall be entitled to state aid as hereinafter provided upon compliance with the provisions of this section.

(2) The clerk of such district shall on or before October first notify the state superintendent and the county superintendent of the intention of the district to apply for state aid under the provisions of this section. The school board of such district on or before the first day of August next succeeding the close of the school year for which aid is claimed shall file application with the county superintendent on a blank supplied by the state superintendent. Said application shall be accompanied by a report under oath by the school board giving the assessed valuation of the district, the number of schools maintained, the number of months each school was maintained, salary per month and total salary paid each teacher, the school census of the district for the preceding year, the total amount received during the preceding year from the apportionment of state and county school funds, and such other facts as the state superintendent may require. If the county superintendent approve of the application he shall endorse his approval thereon and forward the application and the report to the state superintendent. The state superintendent may make such investigation as he shall deem necessary in order to determine the merits of any application for state aid under this section.

(3) If the state superintendent upon receipt of such report endorsed with the approval of the county superintendent shall be satisfied that the district has complied with the statutes governing the apportionment of the state and county school funds to districts and with the provisions of this section, he shall certify to the secretary of state the amount of aid due such district, said amount to be determined as follows: To the amount of state and county school fund apportionment received by the district during the preceding year shall be added an amount equal to one-half of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the district. The sum of these items shall be deducted from the amount required to pay the salary of the teacher or teachers at the minimum rate prescribed by law for the time school was maintained by the district but in no case to exceed eight months, including legal holidays. The balance remaining after such deduction shall be the amount of aid to which the district shall be entitled. The secretary of state shall thereupon draw a warrant in favor of the treasurer of the district for a sum equal to the amount thus certified.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent any district from receiving state aid in accordance with the provisions of section 40.13 upon compliance with the provisions of said section.

SECTION 3. Subsection (1) of section 20.25 is amended to read: (20.25) (1) Annually, such sums as may be necessary, for state aid to rural schools as provided in sections 40.13 40.135, and 40.14. *Provided the state aid granted under section 40.135 shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars in any one year.*

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1919.

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CHAPTER 623.

AN ACT to create section 29.385 of the statutes, relating to open season for mussels.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 29.385 (1) Mussels, not less than one and three-fourths inches in greatest dimensions, including the pearly fresh water mussel or clam, or naiad and the shells thereof, may be taken and possessed in any quantity at any time, in the manner hereafter described, in any of the waters of this state except those duly