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CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT to amend subsection (1) of section 40.64 of the statutes, relating to the establishment of a union high school in island townships.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (1) of section 40.64 of the statutes is amended to read: (40.64) (1) A high school district may be established in any contiguous compact territory (outside of cities) having an area of not less than thirty-six nor more than seventy-two square miles, with an assessed valuation of one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or more. *A high school district or a consolidated free high school district may also be established in any township comprising only island territory.*

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

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CHAPTER 179.

AN ACT to repeal subsection (4) of section 23.11 and to create section 23.25 of the statutes, relating to a state geographic board.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (4) of section 23.11 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 23.25 (1) The state geographic board shall consist of the conservation director, the state geologist, and the state chief engineer. The conservation director shall be the secretary and executive officer of the board, and the conservation commission shall be its administrative agent.

(2) It shall be the duty of the state geographic board and it shall have power and authority:

(a) To determine the correct and most appropriate names of the lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state, and the spelling thereof;

(b) To pass upon and give names to lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state for which no single generally accepted name has been in use;

(c) In co-operation with county boards and with their approval, to change the names of lakes, streams, places and other geographic features, with the end in view of eliminating, as far as possible, duplication of names within the state;

(d) To prepare and publish an official state dictionary of geographic names and to publish the same, either as a completed whole or in parts when ready;

(e) To serve as the state representatives of the United States geographic board and to co-operate with the said board to the end that there shall be no conflict between the state and federal designations of geographic features in the state.

(3) Whenever the state geographic board shall have given a name to any lake, stream, place or other geographic feature within the state, or determined the correct spelling of any such name, it shall be used in all maps, reports and other publications thereafter issued by the state or any of its political subdivisions, and shall be deemed the official name of such geographic feature.

(4) No person shall in any advertisement or publication attempt to modify local usage or name unnamed geographic features without first obtaining the approval of the state geographic board. In case of a violation of this subsection, the geographic board shall promptly announce its disapproval and shall thereafter adopt an official name for such feature.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 180.

AN ACT to amend subsections (1), (2) and (3) (a) of section 40.86 of the statutes, relating to consolidation of school districts.