

ity hereby granted, shall qualify in the same manner as is by law required of justices of the peace, and shall be subject to the same liabilities, obligations and duties as are or may be by law imposed upon justices of the peace.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 29, 1882.

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CHAPTER 280.

AN ACT relating to the alteration of the boundaries of joint school districts, and to authorize appeals in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever an application in writing for an alteration in the boundaries of any joint school district, signed by not less than one-third of the lawful voters residing in the districts to be effected by the proposed alteration, shall be presented to the chairman of supervisors of the town in which the school house of such joint district may be situated, such chairman shall thereupon fix a time for the joint meeting of the town boards of the towns in which such joint school district may be situated, which time shall not be less than ten nor more than twenty days after the day of the presentation to him of such application. He shall also cause a notice of the time and place of such meeting to be given to each supervisor entitled to be present thereat, which notice shall be served at least five days prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Such meeting shall be held at the school house in such joint district unless some other convenient place shall be designated in the notice therefor.

Authorize appeals in certain cases.

SECTION 2. If the chairman or supervisors to whom such application shall be presented, shall neglect or refuse to fix the time, or to give notice for the meeting of the town boards as provided in the first section of this act, or if the said supervisors or a majority thereof of any town in which a part of said joint district may be situated, shall neglect or refuse to be present at such meeting; or, being present, shall neglect or refuse to hear and decide upon such application, the application shall be deemed denied, and an appeal may be had therefrom in the same manner and with the like effect as in other cases of denial.

SECTION 3. The provisions of sections 418, 419, 422 and 497 of the revised statutes shall, so far as the same may be applicable, apply to proceedings under this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 29, 1882.

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CHAPTER 281.

AN ACT to provide for the exemption of insurance associations for benevolent and charitable purposes from the operation of the general laws relating to life insurance companies.

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

Relating to life insurance companies.

SECTION 1. All companies, societies, orders and associations, incorporated or organized under the laws of this state, and having their central office or headquarters within the state of Wisconsin, which are not stock companies and which issue life or accident policies, or contracts of insurance, solely to their members, and not for profit, but at the actual expense thereof, as a mutual, benevolent or charitable undertaking, and raise the funds for such insurance by a fixed assessment on each member when they are actually needed to fulfil the policies, may make application at any time to the commissioner of insurance to be exempted from the operation of the general laws of the state for the time being relating to life or accident insurance companies; and thereupon the commissioner of insurance may, in his discretion, issue a certificate or license to such company, society, order or association so applying, stating that it has been found to be an association of the kind or nature mentioned in this act, and that the commissioner, by virtue of his discretionary power under this act, has decided it to be properly entitled to the benefit of this act, and that until he shall revoke such license such company, society, order or association shall be exempted from the operation of the general laws for the time being relating to life and accident insurance companies; and thereupon, until such license or certificate is revoked, such association shall be deemed not to be a life or accident insurance company within the meaning of said general laws, and shall be exempt from the operation of their provisions. Such certificate of license shall be revokable at any