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## CHAPTER 268.

AN ACT authorizing county aid in the improvement of highways.

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

Relating to improvement of county roads.

SECTION 1. The county board of supervisors of the several counties in this state, may, at any annual meeting, designate certain main traveled highways in said county as county roads, for the purpose of furnishing county aid in the permanent improvement of such roads, in connection with the several towns in such county, in which these roads, either in whole or in part, may be located, in the manner hereinafter provided; provided, that no part of the lines of highways so designated as county roads shall lie within the limits of any city or incorporated village. It is further provided, that county boards may, from time to time, at their annual meetings, add to or discontinue any such designation of county roads, by a two-thirds vote of such body. It shall be the duty of the county board of supervisors of each county, to annually elect two commissioners who, in conjunction with the chairman of the town board of each town in which such county road may be located, shall constitute a commission to pass upon and accept or reject such improvements as are herein provided for in each town.

Supervisors authorized to levy a tax for permanent improvement of certain roads.

SECTION 2. The supervisors, of any town, are authorized to levy a tax on all the taxable property of the town, to be placed on the tax roll and collected as other taxes, for the purpose of permanently improving certain roads located in such town, that have by the county board of supervisors of the county wherein

such town is located, been designated as county roads, whenever they shall deem such action necessary to the public good; but no such tax shall be levied until first authorized by a majority vote of the electors of such town, at a duly called meeting of such voters, and the tax levied shall not exceed three mills per dollar, upon the equalized valuation of such town, last obtained, and not more than one such tax shall be so levied and collected in any one year.

SECTION 3. Whenever the town board of supervisors of any town shall file its petition with the county board of supervisors of the county in which such town is situated, setting forth the fact that said town has voted to construct in a permanent manner, by the use of macadam or other material that may be deemed best, a piece of road lying within the limits of such town, the same being in whole or in part a highway that has been duly designated as a county road by the board of supervisors of the county, designating the location and extent of such piece of road, and further stating that the said town has provided for the payment of one-half of the construction of such road, the said county board may appropriate the other half of such cost, and cause such sum to be levied upon the taxable property of the county, as with the amount provided by said town, be sufficient to defray the expenses of the construction of the highway so petitioned for, and such money, when collected, shall be paid out on the order of the chairman of the county board and county clerk, whenever the said town shall notify them of the completion and acceptance of such work by the road commissioners elected by the county board, and the chairman of the town board of such town; provided, that no more than three mills on the dollar of the equalized valuation of the property of any county shall be levied for the aforesaid purpose, and that no order shall be drawn on account of such levy except upon the certificate of the county treasurer that the money pro-

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duced by said levy has come to his hands to pay such order.

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

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## CHAPTER 269.

AN ACT to amend section 1319, of Sanborn and Berryman's annotated statutes of Wisconsin, relating to county aid for bridges.

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

Relating to  
the repair of  
bridges by the  
county board  
of supervisors.

SECTION 1. Section 1319, of Sanborn and Berryman's annotated statutes of Wisconsin is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1319. Whenever the town board of supervisors of any town shall file its petition with the county board of supervisors of the county in which such town is situated, setting forth the facts that said town has voted to construct or repair any bridge, wholly or partly within such town, designating, as near as may be, the location of such bridge, and further stating that such town has provided for the payment of one-half of the cost of such construction or repairs, and that the cost of each bridge, or repairs of each bridge, exceeds one-fourth of one per centum of all the taxable property in said town according to the last equalized valuation, the said county board shall appropriate the other half of such cost and cause such sum to be levied