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## CHAPTER 260.

AN ACT to amend chapter 74 of the laws of 1899, relating to the establishment and organization of the board of regents of normal schools.

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

Defining the term of the regents first appointed.

SECTION 1. Chapter 74 of the laws of 1899 is hereby amended by striking out of section 1 thereof the words "and they are now and shall continue divided in five classes," wherever they occur, and substituting therefor the words "except that the regents first appointed under this act shall be divided into five classes of two each, and the term of office of said classes, so first appointed shall be respectively one, two, three, four and five years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, and their successors in office shall continue so divided into five classes," so that the said section 1 when so amended shall read as follows, to-wit: Section 1. Amend section 393, of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, by striking out all after the word "the" in the fifth line thereof and substituting the following, to-wit: "the state superintendent, as ex-officio regent, and of ten appointed regents. The term of office of the appointed regents, commencing with the first Monday of February in the year in which the appointment and qualification of their respective successors; except that the regents first appointed under this act shall be divided into five classes of two each, and the term of office of said classes so first appointed shall be respectively one, two, three, four and five years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, and their successors in office shall continue so divided into five classes, so that the term of office

of two regents shall expire each year; and not more than one such member of the board shall reside in any one congressional district. The governor shall fill all vacancies by appointment, but in case of a vacancy before the expiration of a term, the appointment shall be for the residue of the term only," so that the section when so amended shall read as follows: section 393. For the government of the normal schools established and which may hereafter be established, and for the performance of the duties prescribed to them, there is constituted a board of eleven regents, called "the board of regents of normal schools," composed of the state superintendent, as ex-officio regent, and of ten appointed regents. The term of office of the appointed regents commencing with the first Monday of February in the year in which appointed, shall be five years and until the appointment and qualification of their respective successors; except that the regents first appointed under this act shall be divided into five classes of two each, and the term of office of said classes so first appointed shall be respectively one, two, three, four and five years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, and their successors in office shall continue so divided into five classes of two each, so that the term of office of two regents shall expire each year; and not more than one such member of the board shall reside in any one congressional district; provided, however, that where two normal schools are located in one congressional district there may be two regents in such district. The governor shall fill all vacancies by appointment, and in case of a vacancy before the expiration of a term, the appointment shall be for the residue of the term only.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 26, 1899,