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CHAPTER 58.

AN ACT to amend chapter 186, laws of 1897, entitled, "An act relating to school boards and common and high schools, in cities of the first class, containing a population of 150,000 or more.

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

School funds not to be used or appropriated for any other than school purposes.

SECTION 1. Section 16, of chapter 186, of the laws of 1897, approved April 8, 1897, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 16. The said board shall report to the common council of each city under this act, at or before the first meeting of the council in September in each year, the amount of money required for the next fiscal year for the support of all the public schools, including high schools, in said city; and it shall be the duty of said common council to levy and collect a tax not exceeding three and one-half mills upon the dollar of the total assessed valuation of all property, real and personal, in such city, subject to taxation, in addition to the tax to be levied for general city purposes, upon all the taxable property of said city, at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected by law, which, with the other funds provided by law and placed at the disposal of such city for the same purpose, shall be equal to the amount of money so required by said board for the support of said schools. The said tax and the entire school fund of the city shall not be used or appropriated directly or indirectly for any other purposes than the payment of the salaries of the superintendent of schools and his legally authorized assistants, the secretary of the school board, the legally qualified teachers whose appointments are

confirmed by said board, and such other employes as the board may deem necessary, and the necessary and current expenses of the schools, including the purchase of school supplies, apparatus, fuel, gas, electricity or electrical power. All moneys received by or raised in such city for school purposes shall be paid over to the city treasurer, to be disbursed by him on orders of the president and secretary of said board, countersigned by the city comptroller; provided that the president, instead of signing each order, may certify upon the pay-rolls furnished by the secretary to the comptroller, to the facts that the amounts therein are correct, as allowed by said board.

SECTION 2. Section 17 of said chapter 186 of the laws of 1897, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 17. The common council shall, in addition to the funds hereinbefore provided for the support and maintenance of the public schools, levy and collect a tax upon all the taxable property of said city, at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected by law, for such amount of money as may be determined and reported to the common council in September in such year, for the purpose of defraying the expense of repairs of school buildings, fixtures, grounds and fences. Said tax, when collected, shall be set aside for the purposes herein specified, to be disbursed only upon the order of the board of school directors, upon bills incurred and allowed by them for the purposes herein mentioned. Such tax shall not exceed one-fourth of a mill upon the dollar of the total assessed valuation of all property, real and personal, in said city, subject to taxation.

Levying of tax to defray expense of repairs.

Tax, how disbursed.

SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 24, 1899.