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CHAPTER 160.

AN ACT to amend section 523, statutes of 1898, relating to the officers of township school boards and the secretary's compensation.

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

Compensation of secretary; vacancies in board. SECTION 1. Section 523, statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence therein, which reads as follows: "Such secretary shall receive compensation at not less than two nor more than three dollars per day, but the electors may at the annual town meeting limit the number of days for which he shall receive compensation during the year; and he shall present a statement of his services rendered at the annual meeting of the board," and substituting therefor, the following: "Such secretary shall receive compensation of not less than two nor more than three dollars per day for not to exceed twenty-five days in each school year; and the members of the executive committee may receive a compensation of two dollars per day not to exceed fifteen days in any one school year, when the electors at the annual town meeting shall so decide. The officers shall present a statement of their services rendered at the annual meeting of the board," so that such section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 523. The members of the board, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, assembled at each annual meeting, shall elect from their number a president and a vice-president; also a secretary who may or may not be of their number, but who shall be a resident of the town and hold said office for one year or until his successor is elected. Such secretary shall receive compensation of not less than two nor more than three dollars per day for not to exceed twenty-five days in each school year, and the other members of the executive committee may, when the electors at the annual town meeting shall so decide, receive a compensation of two dollars per day for not to exceed fifteen days in any one school year. The officers shall present a statement of their services rendered at the annual meeting of the board. Vacancies in either of such offices may be filled at any special meeting of the board, the notice for which shall state the object of the meeting to be to fill the vacancy ex-

isting, or at any semi-annual meeting; and persons elected to fill any vacancy shall hold the remainder of the unexpired term.

Committee to audit accounts of board; duty of committee. SECTION 2. In towns under the township system of school government, the electors assembled at the annual town meeting to be held the first Tuesday of April, 1901, and at every annual meeting thereafter, shall by ballot or viva voce vote elect three competent persons, tax payers in the town, who shall act as a committee of audit of school district accounts. This committee shall meet with the secretary of the town board of school directors of said town, on the Saturday immediately preceding such annual town meeting, at such an hour and place as shall be previously agreed upon between such committee and such secretary of the town board of school directors. Said secretary shall thereupon place in the hands of said committee a copy of his report made to the town board of supervisors under section 534 of the statutes of 1898, with all books, accounts, and vouchers in any way relating or pertaining to the management and conduct of the school affairs of the town. Upon receipt of said reports, books, accounts, and vouchers, the committee shall immediately proceed to make a careful examination thereof and a written report of their findings and conclusions; said report to be presented and read to the electors assembled at the annual town meeting, immediately after the presentation by the town board of supervisors of the report made to them by the secretary of the town board of school directors and before any action is taken by the electors of the town, as provided under section 535 of the statutes of 1898. The report of this committee shall be signed by the members, or a majority thereof and shall be entered upon the record books of the secretary of the town board of school directors, as a part of the records of the town.

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

Approved April 11, 1901.