

breaking the seal, enclose the ballots so strung in a secure canvas covering and securely tie and seal such canvas covering with official wax impression seals, to be provided, by the inspectors in such manner that it cannot be opened without breaking the seals, and return said ballots, together with the package containing the ballots marked "defective or objected to" in such sealed canvas covering to the county clerk, and such officer shall carefully preserve said ballots for sixty days, and at the expiration of that time shall destroy them by burning without previously opening the package. Such ballots shall be destroyed in the presence of the official custodian thereof and two electors of approved integrity and good reputation and members respectively of the two leading political parties. The said electors shall be designated by the county judge of the county in which such ballots are kept: Provided, that if any contest of the election of any officer voted for at such election shall be pending at the expiration of said time, the said ballots shall not be destroyed until such contest is finally determined. In all cases of contested elections the parties contesting the same shall have the right to have said ballots opened and to have all errors of the inspectors in counting or refusing to count any ballot corrected by the court or body trying such contest, but such ballots shall be opened only in open court or in open session of such body and in the presence of the officer having the custody thereof.

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

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CHAPTER 288.

AN ACT to amend section 1319 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 225 of the laws of 1903, relating to county aid in building or repairing bridges.

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

County aid in building and repairing; limitation. SECTION 1. Section 1319 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter

225 of the laws of 1903, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1319. Whenever any town board shall file its petition with the proper county board setting forth the fact 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 such bridge or repairs or each bridge exceeds one-eighth of one per centum of all the taxable property in said town according to its last equalized valuation, the said county board shall appropriate the other half of such cost and cause such sum to be levied upon the taxable property of the county as will, with the amount provided by said town, be sufficient to defray the expense of erecting or repairing each bridge 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 board and the commissioners hereinafter provided for shall notify them that the work has been completed and accepted. The county board shall, at the time of acting upon such petition, designate *three* of its members who shall act as its commissioners and who shall co-operate with the board of such town; and such board and the said commissioners shall have full charge and authority to act in the letting, inspecting and acceptance of the work; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit any county board from constructing or repairing any bridge in its county if it shall so desire; and if the whole of the cost of the construction or repairs of any bridge or bridges is to be borne by any county, or any county shall arrange with such town so as to assume and have exclusive charge of such work, then the county board may direct the letting, inspecting and acceptance of such work in such manner as it may deem proper; provided, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the levy of any tax upon the property in any city or incorporated village that maintains *within its corporate limits any bridge or bridges, to construct which it has assessed the taxable property in such city or incorporated village to an amount which equals or exceeds one-eighth of one per centum of all the taxable property in such city or incorporated village according to the last equalized valuation; provided that supervisors from such cities or villages, as maintain their own bridges, shall have no vote upon the granting or determining of such petitions or in providing a tax therefor;*

provided further, that no more than one mill on the dollar of the equalized valuation of the property in any county shall be levied for the aforesaid purpose and for all other county bridges in any one year, and that no order shall be drawn on account of such levy except upon the certificate of the county treasurer that the money produced by said levy has come to his hands to pay such order.

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

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CHAPTER 289.

AN ACT to amend section 9 of chapter 439, laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 285, laws of 1903, relating to state graded schools.

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

Districts which may receive state aid for graded schools; conditions to be complied with. SECTION 1. Section 9, of chapter 439, laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 285, laws of 1903, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 9. The school board of any school district containing within its limits a graded school but no free high school nor a high school of a grade equivalent to a free high school, *town free high schools excepted*, may receive special state aid as hereinafter provided upon full compliance with the following conditions:

1. There shall be two classes of *state graded schools* in Wisconsin, known respectively as first class, and second class; all state graded schools of three or more departments shall be in the first class, and all * * * graded schools of two departments shall be in the second class.

2. Schools shall be maintained in the district receiving such aid, at least nine school months, including legal holidays, in each and every department. At least three departments in