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CHAPTER 199.

AN ACT to legalize certain bonds heretofore issued by school districts organized under the township system and to authorize issue of bonds by such districts for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. (Section 553—1.)
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SECTION 2. (Section 553—2.)
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CHAPTER 200.

AN ACT to amend section 447, statutes of 1898, as amended, relating to branches taught in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 447, statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 158, laws of 1905, is amended to read as follows:
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SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved June 12, 1907.

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Foreign languages and English branches; periods and hours in district schools. SECTION 447. Orthogaphy, ortheopy, reading, writing, grammar, geography, arithmetic, elements of agriculture, history of the United States, constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state, and such other branches as the board may determine, shall be taught in every district school. All instruction shall be in the English language, except that the district board or the board of education may, in their discretion, cause any foreign language to be taught by a competent teacher to such pupils as desire it, not to exceed one hour * * * *per day or the equivalent thereof, such instruction shall be given during such period or periods of the school year as the district board or board of education may determine; provided that the usual instruction in the regular common school branches shall at all times be offered and given in English to any pupil or pupils desiring such instruction. And provided further that every pupil shall devote at least one-half of the school day to the study of English branches.* District boards, town boards of school directors and boards of education may provide for kindergartens, for instruction and training of primary grades, in separate departments or otherwise.

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Life of teachers' certificates; progressive examinations, grade to grade. SECTION 450a. 1. It shall not be lawful for any county superintendent to endorse a certificate issued by any other county superintendent, nor to extend the life of any certificate beyond the limits fixed by law. The papers written in any examination shall not be used as the basis for issuing a second certificate, which shall have the effect of extending the life of the certificate first issued thereon, *except as hereinafter provided.* But in any examination for a second certificate, when the applicant has taught successfully in the superintendent district for one school year on a certificate previously issued by him, the superintendent may, in his discretion, accept standings on papers written by the applicant in the preceding examination not to exceed five in number, in lieu of a re-examination in the subjects for which standings are so accepted.

2. *The superintendent may allow any person while holding an unexpired certificate of the third grade, or a county training school certificate to write on any two or more of the additional branches demanded for a certificate of the second grade.*