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**CHAPTER 142.**

AN ACT to create subsection 40 of section 1038 of the statutes, relating to property exempt from taxation.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to section 1038 of the statutes, a new subsection to read: 40. All real property, not exceeding forty acres, and personal property of the Evangelical Lutheran Home for Feeble Minded, located at Watertown, Wisconsin, so long as said property is actually used and occupied for charitable, religious and educational purposes only.

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

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**CHAPTER 143.**

AN ACT to amend section 1326 of the statutes, relating to obstructions in highways.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1326 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1326. 1. \* \* \* *Any person who shall obstruct any public highway in this state by wilfully or maliciously placing or causing to be placed therein any depression, ditch, humps or embankments of earth, logs, stone or stones, nails, glass or other materials or substances intended or calculated to impede or incommode the lawful use of such highway, or \* \* \* who shall place any obstruction in any ditch constructed for draining the water from any such highway shall \* \* \* be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars. \* \* \**

2. The superintendent of highways of any township or district where such obstruction may exist upon written notice from any resident of this state shall cause such obstruction immediately to be removed, and in case of failure to cause the removal of such obstruction within a reasonable time after service of such

*written notice shall forfeit not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dollars.*

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

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## CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT to create section 490t of the statutes, relating to free high school districts.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes, a new section to read: Section 490t. No action heretofore taken by the electors or officers of any town, village, or city, school district or sub-district, in voting to form a free high school district or a joint free high school district, shall be invalid by reason of any defect in the form of notice given, posted, published or served, or the manner in which such notice shall have been given, posted, published or served, and all steps and elections heretofore had and taken by any town, village, or city, school district or sub-district in forming a high school district or a joint high school district are hereby validated and declared to have the same force and effect as if there had been no irregularities or omissions in the proceedings had for the purpose of forming such district.

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

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## CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT appropriating to various insurance companies the amount of overpayment on fire marshal tax.

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

SECTION 1. The sums of money, constituting overpayment by certain fire insurance companies of the fire marshal tax of 1908, are appropriated out of the special fund provided for in section 1946n of the statutes, and shall be paid to the companies making such overdraft as follows: