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**CHAPTER 339.**

AN ACT to amend sections 495—1 and 495—9 of the statutes, relating to boundaries of union free high school districts and time of holding annual union free high school district meetings.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Sections 495—1 and 495—9 of the statutes are amended to read: Section 495—1. With the advice and consent of the state superintendent a free high school to be known as a union free high school may be established and maintained *in any town, or in any tract of contiguous territory with an area of not less than thirty-six square miles, such territory to be bounded by town, school district, section, or half-section lines or by lines bounding in part an existing free high school district, or in cases where impassable streams, lakes, or swamps render it impracticable to follow town, school district, section, or half-section lines or lines bounding in part an existing free high school district* such natural boundaries may be substituted.

No such union free high school district shall be established or maintained unless at least twenty-five persons of school age resident of such tract of territory give evidence, through examination or otherwise, satisfactory to the state superintendent, that they are prepared to begin a high school course.

Section 495—9. The annual union free high school district meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the third \* \* \* *Monday* in March, unless that be a legal holiday, in which case it shall be held the next day.

The election of district officers shall be held in some convenient room in the union free high school building, if there be such building, and if not, then in some other convenient room determined upon by the board and specified in the notice. If the notice does not so specify it shall be understood that the building in which the last annual meeting was held shall be the building designated.

The election of officers shall be by ballot and suitable ballot boxes shall be provided therefor. The polls shall be opened at one o'clock in the afternoon of the day fixed by law for holding the annual free high school district meeting and shall be closed at seven o'clock of the same day. The time of opening and closing the polls, as well as the place of holding the election, shall be specified in the notice of such election or meeting, but a fail-

same as are required by law in laying out, altering, widening, or to so specify the time of opening and closing the polls and designating the place where the annual meeting or election is to be held and conducted shall not vitiate such election.

Immediately after the polls are closed and the ballots counted, the electors shall organize for the purpose of conducting the regular and usual business, other than the election of officers, necessary for carrying on and maintaining the union free high school. As soon as the meeting is regularly organized, the result of the election of officers shall be declared.

The officers conducting the election shall consist of the union free high school district clerk and two other persons selected by the school district board. If an incorporated village is comprised in the district one officer shall be selected from the village and one from the territory lying outside of the village and included in the union free high school district. The inspectors and clerks of this election shall make and keep a list of all the electors, men and women, voting at the election.

The amount of compensation paid to the inspectors or clerks of election shall be such sum as may be agreed upon by the district board, not to exceed two dollars for each inspector engaged and acting in conducting this election, said compensation to be paid from any funds in the treasury of the school district not otherwise appropriated.

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

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## CHAPTER 340.

AN ACT to amend section 1273 of the statutes, relating to the laying out and maintenance of highways on town lines.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1273 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1273. 1. The application therefor shall be in duplicate, addressed to the supervisors of both towns, and be signed by at least six freeholders or applicants for and occupiers of a homestead residing in each town; the notice of the time and place for meeting to decide upon such application shall be signed by a majority of the supervisors of each town and posted in each of said towns; a majority of the supervisors of each town shall meet to decide upon such application and sign the order and award of damages, and in all other things the proceedings shall be the