

*provided by law, be paid within one week of receipt into the university fund income, and are appropriated therefrom, and added to this appropriation.*

(b) On July 1, \* \* \* 1917, \* \* \* *five thousand* dollars, and on July 1, \* \* \* 1918, \* \* \* *five thousand* dollars, for the purchase of books, educational apparatus, furniture and furnishings, and other necessary equipment.

SECTION 2. There is added to subsection (2) of section 20.41 of the statutes, a new paragraph to read:

(20.41) (2) (d) On July 1, 1917, twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars, and on July 1, 1918, twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars, for medical extension and such other extension work as is necessitated by the present war emergency, and such work as may be called for by the state council of defense; provided that twenty thousand dollars per annum of said appropriation shall be used exclusively for work necessitated by the present war emergency.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon July 1, 1917.

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## CHAPTER 497

AN ACT to repeal sections 412, 412a, 413, 414, 415, 416, 418, 419, 419a, to 419h, inclusive, 420 and 422 of the statutes and to create sections 412, 413, 416, 418, 419 and 420 of the statutes, all relating to the formation of school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 412, 412a, 413, 414, 415, 416, 418, 419, 419a to 419h, inclusive, 420 and 422 are repealed.

SECTION 2. Six new sections are added to the statutes to read: Section 412. (1) Town boards of supervisors, village boards of trustees and city councils are hereby given power, acting jointly or separately as the particular case under consideration may demand, to alter school district boundaries, and to create, consolidate, or dissolve school districts. All territory comprising a school district must be contiguous and the number of a school district shall not be changed without the consent of the state superintendent. A new district shall not be given the name of a dissolved district. When two or more districts are united or in any manner consolidated, such enlarged district shall bear the number of the district involved having the largest assessed valuation as determined from the last preceding assessment.

(2) The authorities designated above may meet and act on their own motion or upon call of any board or council in any way interested in the alteration, creation, consolidation or dissolution of school districts. The refusal, failure, or neglect of any town board, village board, or city council to call or to hold meetings as provided by law, or neglect or refuse to take any action, affirmative or negative, upon any written request or petition of an individual, or upon call of any board or council interested, giving reasons for certain proposed changes of district boundaries, or the creation, consolidation or dissolution of school districts shall be deemed a denial thereof and any person aggrieved thereby may appeal as in other cases.

(3) Any school district organization of any kind, town free high school and union free high school districts excepted, in one or more towns or in one or more towns and any village or city shall be designated as a joint district. Such district shall not be dissolved, nor shall the boundaries thereof be changed except by joint action of the town boards, parts of which comprise such district, or joint action of the town board or boards and the village board or common council in interest, or upon appeal to proper authority, such action to be taken in accordance with the provisions of the statutes governing and directing the proceedings and action in each case.

Section 413. (1) The town board, village board, or city council, as the conditions may demand, shall make a written order describing any territory detached from one district and attached to another. They shall also specify in such order the number of any district dissolved and the name of the town or towns part of which composed it. If two or more districts are united wholly the number of each such district shall be specified and also the number of the enlarged district, with the names of the town or towns and the county or counties interested. A copy of any order made relating to alteration, or formation, or consolidation of school districts shall be filed with the clerk of each town, village, or city interested within ten days from the day the order is made and no order of change of boundaries, or dissolution, or creation, or union of districts shall be made to take effect between December first and the first day of the following April, without the consent of the state superintendent.

(2) It shall also be the duty of the town board, village board or city council, as the case may be, to deliver to a taxable inhabitant of the new district or of any consolidated district formed under their authority, a notice describing the territory

embraced therein and fixing a time and place for the first district meeting. In such notice said officers shall direct such taxable inhabitant to notify all qualified voters, men and women, of the district, either personally or by leaving a written or printed notice at the place of residence giving the time and place of such first meeting at least six days before the time fixed therefor, the day of the meeting to be counted as one of the six. It shall be the duty of such taxable inhabitant to notify the voters as directed; to keep a record of the persons so notified and make due return thereof and such record and certificate of service shall be recorded by the district clerk elected as a part of the permanent record and minutes of the first meeting in such newly created or consolidated district; provided, however, that an unintentional omission of, or failure to notify not to exceed one-sixth of said voters shall not invalidate said notice or deprive the electors at the meeting of jurisdiction to transact any and all district business as provided by the statutes.

(3) If such notice is not given by the taxable inhabitant as directed, or if the inhabitants being so notified neglect or refuse to meet, or if there is no competent authority in the district to call any district meeting, the town board of the town interested having the largest population shall give and cause the notice to be served.

Section 416. A district shall be deemed organized when any two of the officers elected at its first legal meeting file with the clerk and cause to be recorded in the minutes of such meeting their written acceptance of the offices to which they have been respectively elected or when said officers shall have failed for a period of ten days or more to state their refusal in writing. A district shall also be deemed legally formed when it has been duly organized and has exercised the rights and privileges of a district for a period of four or more months, and no appeal or other action attacking the legality of the formation of such district, either directly or collaterally, shall be taken after such period has expired.

Section 418. Whenever the proper authorities of any municipal unit or units shall contemplate an alteration, creation, consolidation or dissolution of any district, they shall meet and shall give at least five days' notice in writing to the clerk of each district to be in any way affected thereby. Said notice shall be signed by a majority of each board interested and shall give the day, hour, and place where they will be present to decide

upon the proposed changes and the day of meeting shall not be counted as one of the five. It shall also be the duty of each district clerk to immediately notify the other members of his school board. The person serving these notices shall make due "return" thereof and said "return" shall be filed in the office of the clerk of each municipal unit interested. No territory shall be detached from one district unless by the same order it be attached to another. A district may be dissolved by consolidation, by attaching all its territory in tracts or parcels to other districts or by creating new districts. It shall not be lawful to give the above required notice by mail or by telephone.

Section 419. In all cases where a change of school district boundaries has been made, or a school district created or consolidated or dissolved, a copy of the order so made shall be filed with the clerk of each municipal unit interested and also with the clerk of each district in any way affected within ten days after date of the order.

Section 420. If a new district be formed in whole or in part from one or more districts possessed of a schoolhouse or entitled to other property the town board or boards or other authorities at the time of forming such new district shall determine the proportion of the value of the schoolhouse, moneys on hand and other property justly due to such new district according to the taxable property of the respective parts of such former district or districts at the time of the division, and such amount of any debt, except a debt to the state because of a loan from the trust funds, due from the former district which would have been a charge upon the new district had it remained in the former district, shall be deducted from such proportion.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 498

AN ACT to authorize the commissioners of public lands to sell certain lands in Brown county belonging to the state.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioners of public lands are hereby authorized, instructed and directed to sell and convey to George J. Schwartz, town of Allouez, Brown county, for twenty-five dollars, the following described lands situated in Brown county.