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CHAPTER 564

AN ACT to amend 39.03 (10) of the statutes, relating to duties of county superintendents of schools in connection with adult citizenship day.

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

39.03 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.03 (10) The county superintendents of schools shall annually provide a county-wide educational program for adult citizenship training for Wisconsin citizens who have attained their majority and for those aliens who have become naturalized within the 12 months immediately preceding * * * July 1. *In counties containing a city of the first class, the county superintendent shall collaborate with the city superintendents and the directors of schools of vocational and adult education. Responsibility for planning the citizenship training program and appropriate exercises for citizenship day shall be the joint responsibility of the county superintendent of schools, the director of school of vocational and adult education and the city superintendent of schools of any city of the first class, but the county superintendent shall remain responsible for clerical service. In counties containing a city of the first class, the county board may establish a commission to accomplish the intent of this subsection.* Said educational program shall consist of lectures, forums and other forms of instruction, allowing free and frank discussion, and conducted in a nonpolitical, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan manner by qualified leaders selected by public school authorities. Said school authorities shall provide such teachers' institutes as will prepare said leaders to conduct said educational program. Such programs shall meet with the approval of the state department of public instruction. The school boards of any city, town or village, or any school district or school districts maintaining a high school, or any local board of vocational and adult education, or any county board may contract with the university of Wisconsin extension division to conduct said educational program including teachers' institutes and citizenship training. Said educational program shall stress the doctrine of democracy upon which American government is based; duties and responsibilities of public servants, elective and appointive;

duties, responsibilities and obligations of voters; organization, function and operation of said government. Said educational program shall be climaxed * * * *by appropriate ceremonies recognizing citizenship day, which shall be designated as the occasion upon which Wisconsin citizens welcome * * * new voters into the electorate with appropriate ceremony. Such citizenship recognition day shall be held annually on the day designated by congress or presidential proclamation or within the octave thereof as determined by the county superintendent or citizenship commission.*

Approved July 14, 1953.
