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CHAPTER 58.

AN ACT to amend 38.16 (1) (b) and 65.07 (1) (e) and (f) of the statutes, relating to the maximum mill-levy for certain school purposes in cities.

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

SECTION 1. 38.16 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

38.16 (1) (b). The general educational fund taxes for the support of all schools including trade schools, so levied upon each dollar of the assessed valuation of all property in said city, subject to taxation, shall not in any one year exceed * * * 13.5 mills on the dollar of the total assessed valuation of all such property, *except for the years: 1954 and 1955 when such levy shall not exceed 12 mills; 1956 and 1957 when such levy shall not exceed 12.5 mills; and 1958 and 1959 when such levy shall not exceed 13 mills*; provided * * * that the common council shall have power, notwithstanding any limitation to the contrary contained in ch. 65 to place at the disposal of said board of school directors annually hereafter from funds raised by the common council by tax levy or received by the common council from other sources a sum sufficient for said board to pay to the employes whose salaries are payable out of said general educational fund a cost of living adjustment comparable to such adjustment payable to city employes under the jurisdiction of the common council; and the repair fund taxes shall not exceed * * * 1.5 mills upon the dollar of the total assessed valuation of all such property in such city, subject to taxation, for the repair and keeping in order of school buildings, fixtures, grounds and fences, the purchase of school furniture and the repair of broken or worn-out furniture, the making of material betterments to school property and the purchase of necessary additions to school sites, and the construction fund taxes shall not in any one year exceed six-tenths of a mill upon the dollar of the total assessed valuation of all such real and personal property, and the said taxes for the purposes named in this section shall be in addition to all taxes provided for by law for other city purposes. The common council shall have the option (1) to levy and collect such tax equal to the amount of money requested by the board for the school construction fund, or (2) to levy and collect a tax to realize part of the money so requested and provide the remainder thereof from taxes levied and collected by the common council for its permanent improvement fund, or (3) to decline to levy and collect a construction fund tax and provide the entire amount of money so requested for such school construction fund from its said permanent improvement fund. Such school construction fund tax levy shall be reduced in any year only by the amount which the common council shall in such year provide from such permanent improvement fund. The school repair fund and the school construction fund may be allowed to accumulate from year to year in the discretion of the board of school directors.

SECTION 2. 65.07 (1) (e) and (f) of the statutes are amended to read:

65.07 (1) (e). A general educational fund for the support of all public schools including trade schools, not exceeding * * * 13.5 mills, *except for the years: 1954 and 1955 when such levy shall not exceed 12 mills; 1956 and 1957 when such levy shall not exceed 12.5 mills; and 1958 and 1959 when such levy shall not exceed 13 mills.*

(f) A school repair fund for keeping in repair school buildings, fixtures, grounds and fences; the purchase of furniture; the making of betterments to school property;

and the purchase of necessary additions to school sites, not exceeding * * * 1.5 mills; and a school construction fund, as provided by law, for the purchase of school sites, the erection of school buildings and additions to school buildings, and the remodeling of existing school buildings, not exceeding six-tenths of a mill subject to the provisions of s. 38.16 (1) (a) and (b).

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