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CHAPTER 578

AN ACT to renumber and amend 39.54; to amend 39.53 (1) and 39.55, as created by chapter 565, laws of 1963; and to create 39.54 (2) of the statutes, relating to representation in and boundaries of co-operative educational service agencies.

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

SECTION 1. 39.53 (1) of the statutes, as created by chapter 565, laws of 1963, is amended to read:

39.53 (1) Establish criteria for the creation of not more than 25 service areas capable of providing the kind of service contemplated by s. 39.51, but no such service agency shall cross * * * boundaries of a school district that operates high school grades and the area of a service agency shall be contiguous and shall be as compact as may be. *Where a school district not operating high school grades lies in more than one agency, such district shall contract with that agency which contains the largest proportion of the equalized valuation of said district.*

SECTION 2. 39.54 of the statutes, as created by chapter 565, laws of 1963, is renumbered 39.54 (1) and amended to read:

39.54 (1) Effective January 1, 1967, the state superintendent is empowered to shift a school district *operating high school grades* from one service agency to another upon the petition of * * * *the board of such district* but shall transfer only whole school districts *operating high school*

grades from one service agency to another. After investigation of the proposal, the state superintendent may by order transfer one or more entire school districts *operating high school grades* from one service agency to another effective on the succeeding July 1. Any *such* school district * * * *affected by such transfer* from one service agency to another shall pay its agreed share of all expenses incurred by the service agency in its behalf, but shall not be required to fulfill any commitments it may have made extending beyond the current year in the agency from which transferred. *A transfer hereunder of the territory of a union high school district shall include and effect a transfer also of that territory of underlying school districts which lie within the boundaries of such union high school district.*

SECTION 3. 39.54 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

39.54 (2) When a new school district is created, it shall become a part of the agency in which the greatest proportion of the equalized valuation thereof lies, effective July 1 next succeeding the effective date of the order of reorganization. When territory is detached from a school district operating high school grades and attached to a school district that is in another agency, such transferred territory shall become a part of the agency of the district to which it is attached, effective July 1 next succeeding the effective date of the order of reorganization.

SECTION 4. 39.55 of the statutes, as created by chapter 565, laws of 1963, is amended to read:

39.55 (1) Each co-operative educational service agency created by the state co-operative service committee shall be governed by a board of control composed of one delegate from each school district board in the agency designated annually in July by such school board, but not more than 11 members. *There shall be no more than one member on the board of control from the territory comprising each union high school district and the underlying school districts operating elementary grades only. For the purpose of determining representation on the board of control a common school district operating elementary grades only, lying in more than one union high school district, shall be considered part of the union high school district in which the major proportion of its equalized valuation lies.* Vacancies shall be filled as are original appointments. The first meeting of such board shall be called by the delegate from the school district in the service agency with the largest full valuation who shall act as temporary chairman. Such meeting shall be held on the 3rd Monday in March 1965. The board of control shall hold an annual organizational meeting on the 2nd Monday in August.

(2) If there are more than 11 school districts in the service agency, the state superintendent shall *cause to convene annually* a convention composed of one delegate from each school district board in the agency * * *. *Upon the convening of the convention the representatives from all boards of each union high school area, meeting separately, shall determine the delegate of the union high school area to be announced prior to the selection of the board of control. For the purpose of determining the delegate of the union high school area, a representative from an elementary school district board shall be considered part of the union high school area in which the major proportion of its equalized valuation lies. After the meeting for the determination of delegates, the convention shall formulate a plan of representation for such service agency including no more than 11 * * * delegates, which plan shall be * * * effective at once.*

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