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CHAPTER 1.

AN ACT to amend section 1319 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 225, laws of 1903, and by chapter 288, laws of 1905, relating to county aid in building or repairing bridges.

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

County aid in building and repairing; limitation. SECTION 1. Section 1319 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 225, laws of 1903, and by chapter 288 of laws of 1905, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1319. Whenever any town board shall file its petition with the proper county board setting forth the fact that said town has voted to construct or repair any bridge wholly or partly within such town, designating as near as may be the location of such bridge, and further stating that such town has provided for the payment of one-half of the cost of such construction or repairs and that the cost of such bridge or repairs or each bridge exceeds one-eighth of one per centum of all the taxable property in said town according to its last equalized valuation, the said county board shall appropriate the other half of such cost and cause such sum to be levied upon the taxable property of the county as will, with the amount pro-

vided by said town, be sufficient to defray the expense of erecting or repairing each bridge so petitioned for, and such money, when collected, shall be paid out on the order of the chairman of the county board and county clerk whenever the said town board and the commissioners hereinafter provided for shall notify them that the work has been completed and accepted. The county board shall, at the time of acting upon such petition, designate two of its members who shall act as its commissioners and who shall co-operate with the board of such town; and such board and the said commissioners shall have full charge and authority to act in the letting, inspecting and acceptance of the work; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit any county board from constructing or repairing any bridge in its county if it shall so desire; and if the whole of the cost of the construction or repairs of any bridge or bridges is to be borne by any county, or any county shall arrange with such town so as to assume and have exclusive charge of such work, then the county board may direct the letting, inspecting and acceptance of such work in such manner as it may deem proper; provided, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the levy of any tax upon the property in any city or incorporated village required by law to maintain its own bridges; provided that supervisors from such cities or villages so required to maintain their own bridges, shall have no vote on the granting or determining of such petition, or in providing a tax therefor; provided further that no more than one mill on the dollar on the equalized valuation of the property in any county shall be levied for the aforesaid purpose, and for all other county bridges in any one year, unless the county board, by a two-thirds vote of all the members entitled to vote on such proposition shall decide in favor of a larger sum, and in that case an amount not to exceed one mill on the dollar of such equalized valuation may be levied in addition to the one mill herein provided for and no order shall be drawn on account of such levy except upon the certificate of the county treasurer that the money produced by said levy has come to his hands to pay such order.

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

Approved December 16, 1905.