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## CHAPTER 339.

AN ACT to amend chapter 98 of the laws of 1881 as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 1895 as amended by chapter 270 of the laws of 1903, establishing the Union School District of the city and town of Ripon.

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

**Term of office of commissioners; eligibility; election.** SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 98 of the laws of 1881 as amended by section 1 of chapter 61 of the laws of 1895, as amended by chapter 270 of the laws of 1903, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 2.\* *The term of office of the commissioners heretofore elected shall not be changed and all such terms shall expire at the time for which said commissioners shall have been elected. The offices of commissioners which shall become vacant in 1905 shall be filled by appointment on a majority vote of the common council of the city of Ripon for the term of one year. At the charter election in April, 1906, there shall be elected eight commissioners and the terms of the four members of the first class thereof shall be two years, and of the four members of the second class shall be four years; and one member of each class shall be elected in each ward of said city of Ripon at such election. At the charter election in April, 1908, and every two years thereafter, four commissioners shall be elected, one in each ward, for the term of four years.*

*As soon as may be after the passage of this act, the common council of the city of Ripon shall elect a ninth commissioner from the electors of said Union School District, who shall hold office for three years from the third Wednesday in April, 1905, and said common council shall at the expiration of said term and thereafter every three years elect such ninth commissioner for a term of three years.*

*The electors residing in the town of Ripon, within the limits of Joint School District No. 2 aforesaid shall be eligible to the office of commissioner and shall vote for such commissioners as may be voted upon in the fourth ward of said city, casting their ballot at the voting place in said ward; and the electors residing*

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*in the town of Ripon within the limits of Joint School District No. 5 aforesaid shall in like manner be eligible to the office of commissioner and shall vote for such commissioners as may be voted upon in the first ward of said city, casting their ballots at the voting place in said ward.*

*No person residing in those school districts within said city of Ripon that are not included within the Union School District of the city and town of Ripon, shall be eligible to the office of commissioner of said Union School District; nor shall be entitled to vote for any commissioners of such Union School District. It is made the duty of the clerk of the city of Ripon to provide a separate ballot and ballot box for the election of commissioners of said Union School District in the first and fourth wards of said city.*

**Organization of board of education.** SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 98 of the laws of 1881 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 3.\* *The nine commissioners of the public schools of the Union School District in the city and town of Ripon shall constitute a board of education which shall be termed the Board of Education of the Union School District of the city and town of Ripon and shall be a body corporate in relation to all the powers and duties conferred upon them by this act. A majority thereof shall constitute a quorum. At the first meeting of each board, which shall take place on the third Wednesday in April in each year, said board shall elect a president and clerk from its membership. The president shall preside at the meetings of said board, appoint standing committees, (of which he shall be ex-officio a member), and perform such other and further duties as may be required of him by law or by the by-laws or acts of the board. The clerk shall be elected at the same meeting and his salary shall be fixed by the board. The terms of office of such officers shall be for one year and until the election and qualification of their successors respectively. The clerk shall give a bond in such sum and with such sureties as to the board may seem best, for the faithful discharge of his duties.*

**Vacancies, how filled.** SECTION 3. Section 4 of chapter 98 of the laws of 1881 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 4.\* *The common council of the city of Ripon shall fill all vacancies in the membership of said board of education where the same shall exist for any cause other than the expiration of*

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*the term of office of such commissioners as are required to be elected by the electors. Such appointments shall be made from the portion of the district where the vacancy occurs from the qualified electors of said portion; and the commissioners so appointed shall fill out the unexpired term.*

**Superintendent of schools.** SECTION 4. Section 16 of chapter 98 of the laws of 1881 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 16.\* *The board of education of the Union School District of said city and town of Ripon shall have full power and authority to select and contract with a superintendent of schools who shall have all of the powers and duties conferred by general laws upon superintendents of schools in cities of the fourth class and such further and additional powers and duties as may be given or imposed by the requirements of said board, not inconsistent with law, and who shall receive such compensation as said board may determine, to be paid out of the school funds of said Union School District.*

**Powers of board of education.** SECTION 5. The fourth paragraph or clause of section 13 (14) of chapter 98 of the laws of 1881 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Fourth. To employ and contract with all teachers in the public schools of said district to whom the necessary certificates \* \* \* have been given by the superintendent, and at its pleasure to remove them; provided, that no contract for the employment of teachers or superintendent shall extend for more than one year beyond the first day of July next succeeding the dates of such contract; to have in all respects the supervision and management of the public schools of said district, and from time to time to make, alter, modify and repeal, as it may deem expedient, rules and regulations for their organization, government and instruction; for the reception of pupils from other districts and the transfer of pupils from one department to another, and generally for their good order and utility.

**Conflicting laws repealed.** SECTION 6. All other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, so far as they affect the Union School District of the city and town of Ripon, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 10, 1905.

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\*Entire section rewritten.