

commission showing the total cost of the improvement, the amount apportioned to each party in interest, and the amount expended in the performance of the work by each of the parties in interest or under any federal aid, state aid or county aid highway law, shall be a sufficient warrant to the proper disbursing officer for the payment of such amounts as may be chargeable to said joint fund. The commission and the Wisconsin highway commission may proceed either under the provisions of this section or under the provisions of subsection 3 of section 1315 for the purpose of effecting improvements in grade crossing conditions or highways eligible for improvement under any federal aid, state aid or county aid highway law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 257.

AN ACT to amend paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 20.24 of the statutes, relating to appropriations for common schools.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 20.24 of the statutes is amended to read: (20.24) (5) (b) No apportionment shall be made to any city, *except to a city of the first class, or to any village or town for any school district therein for any year during which such district shall not have maintained a common school taught by a qualified teacher, at a salary of not less than \* \* \* sixty dollars per month, for at least eight months; unless the state superintendent shall be satisfied that such school was maintained and so taught for at least three months, and the failure to maintain and so teach it for eight months was occasioned by some extraordinary cause not arising from intention or neglect on the part of the responsible officers. Time spent by the teacher or teachers of such district in attendance upon an institute in the county, shown by due reports to have been allowed by the district board without deduction from such teacher's wages shall be counted as a part of such eight months. No apportionment shall be made to any city of the first class for any school district or board of school directors therein for any year during which such district or board of school directors shall not have maintained common schools taught by qualified teachers at salaries of not less than ninety dollars a*

*month for the full period during which such schools shall have been in session during such year as provided by the rules and regulations of such district or board of school directors; unless the state superintendent shall be satisfied that any failure to so maintain such schools and so teach them for such full period was occasioned by some extraordinary cause not arising from intention or neglect on the part of the responsible officers.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT to create section 2001—30 of the statutes, relating to the consolidation of two or more incorporated religious societies of the same church, sect, denomination or ecclesiastical connection.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 2001—30. 1. Whenever the members of two or more incorporated religious societies of the same church, sect, denomination or ecclesiastical connection shall desire to consolidate said societies, such consolidation may be effected in the following manner:

2. Every such incorporated society shall first of all submit to the members thereof, at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose pursuant to the provisions of its charter, articles of incorporation and by-laws, the question of whether or not such society shall consolidate with any one or more other societies with which it is proposed to consolidate. If a majority voting at such meeting shall be opposed to such consolidation, then the said society shall have no authority to consolidate until such later date as a majority may be in favor thereof; but in case a majority voting at any such meeting of any such society shall favor consolidation with any one or more other societies of the same church, sect, denomination or ecclesiastical connection, then such consolidation shall proceed as hereinafter prescribed.

3. The members present at any such meeting shall determine by resolution with what other society, or societies, a consolidation is to be effected.

4. The members present at any such meeting of any such society after a resolution has been adopted to consolidate with