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CHAPTER 398

AN ACT to amend 61.32 and 331.25 (1) of the statutes, relating to fees for publishing legal notices.

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

SECTION 1. 61.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

61.32 The trustees of each village shall constitute a board designated the "Village Board of" (name of village) in which shall be vested all the powers of the village not specifically given some other officer. Four trustees shall constitute a quorum, except in villages having a population of 350 or less, but a less number may adjourn from time to time. The president shall preside at all meetings when present. In his absence the board may select another trustee to preside. Regular meetings shall be held at such time as may be prescribed by their by-laws. Special meetings may be called by any 2 trustees in writing, filed with the clerk, who shall thereupon seasonably notify all the trustees of the time and place thereof in the manner directed by the by-laws. All meetings shall be open to the public. The board shall keep a record of all its proceedings, and if there be a newspaper published in any village, the board shall cause the proceedings to be published therein in such manner as the board shall direct. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the republication of any proceeding, ordinance or other matter or thing which has already been published according to law, nor shall anything herein be construed to relieve any village from publishing any proceeding, ordinance or other matter or thing required by law to be published. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 331.25 (2) the fee for any such publication shall not exceed * * * *the rates specified in s. 331.25 (1)*. The board shall have power to preserve order at its meetings, compel attendance of trustees and punish nonattendance and it shall be judge of the election and qualification of its members. The president and board of trustees of any village, whether operating under general or special law, may by a three-fourths vote of all the members of the village board determine that an annual salary be paid the president and trustees. Salaries heretofore established shall so remain until changed by ordinance and shall not be increased or diminished during their terms of office.

SECTION 2. 331.25 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

331.25 (1) The fees for publishing a legal notice shall be not more than \$1.25 per folio for the first insertion, and 90 cents per folio for each insertion after the first. *The newspaper may increase such rates up to 10 per cent for each 4,000 of circulation or fraction thereof above 8,000 of circulation, based on previous year-end circulation figures, not to exceed, however, an additional increase of 50 per cent.* Where compensation is required to be based upon the square, the fees per square shall be the same as the fees per folio herein provided.

Approved July 14, 1955.
