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CHAPTER 248.

AN ACT relating to swamp lands in certain locality. To repeal chapter 313 of the private and local laws of 1869, entitled "An act to authorize the use of money arising from the sale of certain swamp and overflowed lands in the county of Portage, for drainage purposes," and to amend chapter 537 of the laws of 1865, relating thereto, and also to repeal chapter 105 of the private and local laws of 1875, entitled "An act to amend chapter 313 of the private and local laws of 1869."

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

Repealed.

SECTION 1. Chapter 313 of the private and local laws of 1869, and chapter 105 of the private and local laws of 1875, are hereby repealed.

Moneys to be paid to towns in which swamp lands are situated.

SECTION 2. All moneys now under the control of the commissioners appointed by said chapter 313 and all moneys which are by them receivable from any source arising from sales of swamp lands since the 4th day of March, 1875, shall within thirty days after the passage and publication of this act be paid over by the treasurer of said commissioners to the towns in which the swamp lands described in section 1st of said chapter 313 are situated.

Towns to have control over swamp lands.

SECTION 3. The several towns in the county of Portage, in which any part of said swamp lands are situated, shall have the same control over them and the funds arising from the sale thereof, as is by general law provided for the distribution of swamp land funds among the several towns in this state.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 8, 1877.

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CHAPTER 249.

AN ACT relating to the establishment and aid in the maintenance of free high schools, and amendatory of chapter 323, of the laws of 1875.

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

Amended.

SECTION 1. Chapter 323, of the laws of 1875, is hereby amended by adding thereto a section numbered

17, that shall read as follows: Section 17. Every free high school heretofore organized and established in this state, upon complying with the provisions of said act so far as applicable, making through the secretary or other proper officer of the board or officers having the management and control of the affairs of such high school, a report in writing to the superintendent of public instruction on or before the tenth day of October in any year, of such facts relating to such high school as said superintendent shall require, which shall include the number of weeks such high school has been maintained during the previous year, the whole amount expended for its support during such year, the amount paid for instruction therein, the number of pupils attending the same, and also the average attendance, shall thereupon be entitled to share in and to have all the benefits and advantages conferred by this chapter upon high schools established under this act, and if such high school not established under this act, has been maintained for at least thirteen weeks in such year it shall be entitled to receive from the state one half the amount actually expended for instruction in said school, not, however, exceeding five hundred dollars in any one year, to any such high school or schools; *provided, however*, that in case such high school district contains a larger population than three thousand, to be determined by the last national or state census, it shall be entitled to receive at the rate of one hundred dollars for each additional three thousand of such population; *and provided further*, that no such high school district shall be entitled to such aid, unless the appropriation or expenditure for such high school has been exclusive of the amounts required to be expended for common school purposes; and the superintendent of public instruction shall carefully examine such reports, and he and the secretary of state shall take such action in behalf of and concerning the same, and such high school or schools, as is required of them respectively by the provisions of section thirteen, of this chapter, concerning high schools created or organized under the authority of this act, and all cities which embrace two or more school districts or parts of districts organized and governed as districts are in towns shall be entitled to all the privileges conferred upon towns and upon the districts therein by section 2 of said chapter 323 of the general laws of 1875.

Free high schools to have full benefit of act on making report.

When high school entitled to money from the state.

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

Approved March 8, 1877.