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CHAPTER 47.

AN ACT to organize the county of Sawyer from portions of Ashland and Chippewa counties.

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

SECTION 1. All that territory of the county of Ashland lying south of the south line of township forty-three (43), and west of the west line of range four (4) west, and all that territory of Chippewa county north of the north line of township thirty-six (36), is hereby detached from the counties of Ashland and Chippewa and shall be hereafter the county of Sawyer. County of Sawyer organized.

SECTION 2. The said county of Sawyer is hereby created and established, with all the rights, powers and privileges by law granted to and possessed by other counties of this state, and subject to all the general laws prescribed for the government of such counties, except as otherwise in this act provided. Powers.

SECTION 3. The county of Sawyer is hereby attached to Ashland county for all judicial purposes, and for all such purposes shall be deemed to be a part of Ashland county; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the probate or other powers of the county court of Sawyer county; nor shall it in any manner affect the justice courts of either Sawyer or Ashland counties; but the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in and for Ashland and Sawyer counties shall respectively extend to the limits of their respective counties. Judicial purposes.

SECTION 4. The expenses of all actions, either civil or criminal, tried in Ashland county, arising in Sawyer county, shall be paid by the latter county. The claim of Ashland county for any such expense, shall be presented to the county board of Sawyer county, and allowed in the same manner as any other claim before being paid by said county; subject, however, to the right of appeal of said Ashland county. Expenses, how divided.

SECTION 5. The county board of Sawyer county shall, pursuant to existing laws, select and certify Jurors. to the clerk of the circuit court for Ashland county, the names of forty persons, suitable to act as petit jurors, and such clerk shall thereupon proceed to draw from such names, in the same

manner as though certified to him by the county board of Ashland county. The number of names drawn from, of persons residing in Ashland county, to act as jurors, shall hereafter be only one hundred.

Appointment
of officers by
the governor.

SECTION 6. On or before the 3rd day of April, 1883, the governor shall appoint in and for Sawyer county, all county officers required by law, except the chairman and members of the county board; and said officers when so appointed, shall, on or before April 15, 1883, duly qualify and enter upon the duties of their several offices, and, except the county judge, hold such offices until the first Monday in January, 1884, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified. The county judge shall hold his office until the first Monday in January, 1886, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

The county
seat.

SECTION 7. The county seat of said Sawyer county shall be, and the same is hereby located at the village of Hayward in said county, in township forty-one (41) north, and range nine (9) west.

One town.

SECTION 8. The county hereby organized, shall, for the time being, constitute one town for all town purposes, and shall be known by the name of the town of Hayward, and under such name shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges given by existing laws to other towns in this state.

The first elec-
tion where held.

SECTION 9. The first election in said town shall be held at the school house, in the village of Hayward before mentioned, on the first Tuesday of April, to choose such town and other officers as are required by law to be elected, and the town board of said town so elected shall constitute for the time being the board of supervisors of said county. The first meeting of the board of supervisors of said Sawyer county, shall be held on the first Tuesday of May, A. D. 1883, at such convenient place or room in the village of Hayward, in said county, as the county clerk shall provide, and at such meeting shall fix the salaries of county officers and transact other necessary business. They shall also appoint two committees of two members each, one of which committees shall be directed to meet the Ashland county board of supervisors, the other committee to meet the Chippewa county board of supervisors, at some regular meeting, not later than the next ensuing

annual meeting of each of said county boards at the county seats of their respective counties, and shall, in connection with them, fix and determine upon the proportion of all county property, whether real or personal, which shall be apportioned to each county, and shall also apportion the indebtedness of the said counties, according to the provisions of the next section of this act, a record of which said division and apportionment shall be kept by the clerks of each county and by each of the committees, and by the latter returned to the county clerk of the county of Sawyer, to be by him entered into the regular and proper records of said county. The said division of property and apportionment of indebtedness shall be binding upon each of the said counties.

SECTION 10. The basis of settlement in the division of property belonging to, and apportionment of the indebtedness of said counties shall be as follows: Each county to become the sole and exclusive owner of all county property lying and situated within its boundaries, as defined by the first section of this act, provided the old counties shall be the owners of all tax sale certificates, and the indebtedness apportioned to the county of Sawyer, to bear the same ratio to that apportioned to each of the other counties, as does the assessed valuation of that portion of the county detached, bear to that situated in the county from which the said territory has been set off by this act, according to the last assessment rolls of the several towns in said counties; and the said county of Sawyer shall pay its proportion of indebtedness ascertained as aforesaid, to the counties of Ashland and Chippewa, respectively, at such time or times as the same may become payable by the terms of the contracts made by such old counties or their proper officers, and the county board of supervisors of said Sawyer county, shall annually levy a tax, in addition to all other taxes imposed for such year, sufficient to pay, when due, the interest annually to grow due on such indebtedness, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof by the time the same shall be due, to be strictly applied to such purpose, and the money raised thereby shall be kept as a separate fund, irrevocably pledged to such purpose, and shall not be employed in any other. The county treasurer of said Sawyer county, shall, on the first

Basis of settlement of property.

day of May and October of each year, pay over to the county treasurers of Ashland and Chippewa counties respectively, the money in his hands, as such treasurer so collected and payable as aforesaid; provided, however, that the new county may borrow on time, not exceeding five years, and at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, sufficient money to pay the indebtedness to either or both of the old counties, and to issue its coupon bonds therefor; or the same may be borrowed of the state trust funds on terms satisfactory to the commissioners of public lands. In case the money is obtained in either of said methods, the same shall be paid over to the county treasurers of the respective counties, and be applied in payment so far as it will go, for that purpose, of existing indebtedness.

Shall not affect taxes.

SECTION 11. This act shall not in any wise affect or invalidate the collection or return of unpaid taxes in either of the counties mentioned herein, but all taxes in process of collection shall be collected as heretofore, and all taxes made in pursuance thereof shall be as valid as if the said counties had not been divided, even though the property sold be situated in the portion of territory hereby detached and set off.

Certified transcripts.

SECTION 12. The board of supervisors of said Sawyer county shall procure, or cause to be procured at the expense of said Sawyer county, certified transcripts of such records of the counties of Ashland and Chippewa, as relate or appertain to the title of lands in Sawyer county, and of all such records as may relate in any manner to or affect real estate or any other property or business proceeding appertaining to said Sawyer county.

Apportionment of taxable property.

SECTION 13. The town clerks of the respective towns in the counties of Ashland and Chippewa, from which territory has been detached to form the said town of Hayward, shall apportion to the said town of Hayward a pro rata portion of the amount of indebtedness of such old towns, in the ratio which the taxable property in such detached territory, bears to the taxable property remaining in such old towns according to the last assessed valuation thereof, and shall, on or before the first day of May, 1883, certify to the town clerk of said town of Hayward the amount of such indebted-

ness to be paid by the said town of Hayward, and the said town of Hayward shall pay its said proportion so ascertained and certified to, with the interest due thereon, at such time or times as the same may become payable by the terms of the contracts made by such old towns or their officers. And said town of Hayward shall annually levy a tax, in addition to all other taxes imposed for such year, to be strictly applied to the payment of such indebtedness and the interest thereon, the money raised thereby shall be kept as a separate fund, and paid over to the county treasurer of Sawyer county, and by him paid over at the same time and in the same manner as the county apportionment aforesaid.

SECTION 14. The said county of Sawyer shall constitute and be a part of the ninth (9) congressional district, the eleventh (11) senate district and the assembly district comprising the counties of Ashland, Lincoln, Price and Taylor. Political districts.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
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CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT to legalize the acts of the executive committee of the school board of directors of the town of Polar, Langlade county, and the several subdistrict clerks constituting said board of directors.

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

SECTION 1. The acts of the executive committee of the school board of directors of the town of Polar, Langlade county, and the several subdistrict clerks constituting said board of directors, in the matter of holding over and continuing in office at the annual meeting of said board of directors, and at the several subdistrict annual elections for the year 1882, are hereby declared legal and valid, and the members of said executive committee and the several subdistrict clerks are hereby declared the legal school officers for said town of Polar for the school year of 1883. Acts legalized.

SECTION 2. The election of a secretary by said school board of directors, to fill vacancy in the executive committee of said board, is hereby declared Declared valid.