Such articles shall be subscribed by at least seventy-five adult residents of the cities or villages therein named who collectively are owners of at least one hundred thousand dollars' worth of property which shall be insured by such corporation; and when so signed shall be filed and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of such county; and at the same time or within thirty days thereafter a copy of the constitution and by-laws of such corporation, with the names of its officers, shall be filed in said office and a copy of the same and of its policy and of each blank used in the transaction of its business shall be filed for preservation in the office of the commissioner of insurance: and thereupon the persons subscribing said articles and such as shall afterwards become insured thereby shall be a corporation by the name mentioned in said articles, with the usual powers and subject to the usual duties and liabilities of a corporation for the purposes hereinafter mentioned. The name of such corporation shall embrace the name of the city or village in which the same is located.

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

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## CHAPTER 218.

AN ACT to amend section 419a of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 348 of the laws of 1901, relating to the alteration of joint school districts.

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

Application for change of boundaries, how made; meeting for; appeals. SECTION 1. Section 419a of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Section 419a. Whenever an application in writing, describing and clearly setting forth by use of usual and definite terms, and having for its purpose the alteration of the boundaries of any joint school district, signed by at least two members of the board of

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supervisors of any town in which any part of such joint school district is situated, shall be presented to the chairman of the town, mayor of the city or president of the board of trustees of the village, in which the school house of such joint district may be situated, such chairman, mayor of the city, or president of the village board, shall, upon receipt of such application or petition, fix a time for the joint meeting of the town boards of supervisors, and the city council, or the village board of trustees of all the municipalities in any way affected by said proposed change, which time shall not be less than ten or more than twenty days after the presentation to said officer of such petition or application. The officer to whom the application or petition is presented shall cause a written notice of the time and place of such meeting to be given to each supervisor, member of the council, or member of the village board of trustees. entitled to be present at such meeting, which notice shall be served at least five days prior to the date fixed therefor. Such meeting shall be held at the school house in such joint district, unless some other convenient place shall be designated in the notice. If the chairman of the town, mayor of the city, or president of the board of village trustees, as the case may be, to whom such application shall be presented, neglect or refuse to fix the time and place or to give notice for the meeting as provided by this section, or if the supervisors, the city couneil, or the board of village trustees, or a majority thereof, of any town, city or village in any way interested or affected by the proposed change of school district boundaries, neglect or refuse to be present at such meeting or being present, neglect or refuse to hear and vote upon the application before them, the application shall be deemed denied, and an appeal may be had therefrom in similar manner, and with like effect as in other cases of denial. The provisions of sections 418, 419. 422, and 497 shall, as far as may be applicable, apply to the above proceedings.

Change of boundaries in joint school districts; application, SECTION 2. The board of supervisors of any town how made. containing territory, now or hereafter, embraced within the boundaries of any joint school district may make the application provided for in section one, whenever in their judgment such alteration will promote the welfare of the pupils residing in such town; and such board shall make such application whenever one-third of the voters residing in such town or twothirds of the voters residing in that portion of such joint dis-

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triet, situate in such town, shall make and file with the town elerk a petition, praying that such alteration be made.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 219.

AN ACT appropriating a sum of money for the purchase of steel cases for the preservation of the war flags, and appropriating a contingent fund to the janitor of Memorial Hall.

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

Appropriation for steel cases. SECTION 1. The sum of thirty-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purchase of steel cases with plate glass fronts, in which the war flags of Wisconsin troops are to be placed for preservation, said cases to be hermetically sealed, when said flags are placed therein.

**Contingent fund.** SECTION 2. The sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to the janitor of the "Memorial Hall, in honor of Wisconsin soldiers and sailors in the civil war," for a contingent fund for the years 1903 and 1904, such fund to be used for bookbinding, repairs, purchase of books and articles for use in said hall, as he may think proper. Such sum to be placed with the governor and paid out as bills are tendered, accompanied by the proper vouchers of the janitor.

SECTION 3. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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