

No. 96, A.]

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**CHAPTER 5.**

AN ACT to amend section 4975, statutes of 1898, fixing the time when laws and acts shall go into operation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4975, statutes of 1898, is amended to read:

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

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No. 471, S.]

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**CHAPTER 6.**

AN ACT creating the towns of Hawthorne, Solon Springs and Highland out of and upon territory now and heretofore a part of the town of Nebagamon in Douglas county, and providing for the apportionment of the assets and liabilities of said town of Nebagamon and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

**New towns in Douglas county.** SECTION 1. There is hereby created out of the territory hereinafter described, the same now being a part of the town of Nebagamon, in Douglas county, three new towns, to be known as Hawthorne, Solon Springs and Highland.

**Territory of town of Hawthorne.** SECTION 2. The town of Hawthorne shall consist of the following described territory, to-wit: All of sections nineteen (19) to thirty-six (36), both

inclusive, in township forty-seven (47), range twelve (12); all of sections one (1) to twelve (12), both inclusive, in township forty-six (46), range twelve (12); all of sections nineteen (19), twenty (20), twenty-one (21), twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29), thirty (30), thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32) and thirty-three (33) and the west half of sections twenty-two (22), twenty-seven (27) and thirty-four (34) in township forty-seven (47), range eleven (11), all of sections four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9), in township forty-six (46), range eleven (11).

**Territory of town of Solon Springs.** SECTION 3. The town of Solon Springs shall consist of the following described territory, to-wit: All of township forty-five (45), range eleven (11); all of sections seven (7) to thirty-six (36), both inclusive, of township forty-five (45), range twelve (12), all of sections one (1) to twelve (12), both inclusive, in township forty-four (44), range twelve (12); and all of sections eleven (11), twelve (12), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26), thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36) in township forty-five (45), range thirteen (13).

**Territory of town of Highland.** SECTION 4. The town of Highland shall consist of the following described territory, to-wit: All of township forty-five (45), range ten (10); all of township forty-six (46), range ten (10); and all of sections thirteen (13), fourteen (14), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26), thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36), in township forty-six (46), range eleven (11).

**Territory of town of Nebagamon.** SECTION 5. The territory now comprising the town of Nebagamon excepting that detached therefrom hereunder, shall constitute and remain the town of Nebagamon.

**Organization of the new towns.** SECTION 6. A town meeting shall be held in each of said new towns on the first Tuesday of April, 1907, and upon the election and qualification of such officers as are provided by law, the said towns shall each become an organized town with all of the powers conferred upon towns by the laws of this state.

**Places of town meetings.** SECTION 7. All town meetings in said several towns shall, until otherwise legally fixed, be held

at the following places, to-wit: In the town of Hawthorne at the schoolhouse in the village of Hawthorne; in the town of Solon Springs at the schoolhouse in the village of Solon Springs; in the town of Highland at the schoolhouse on section thirty-six (36), township forty-six (46), range ten (10); and in the town of Nebagamon at the schoolhouse in the village of Bennett.

**School matters and moneys.** SECTION 8. All school matters in the territory now included in the town of Nebagamon shall until the annual school meeting in June, 1907, be administered by the present board of school directors of the town of Nebagamon, except that when any of said new towns shall have elected a town treasurer and said town treasurer shall have qualified as such, and after the apportionment herein-after provided for shall have been made, the town treasurer of the town of Nebagamon shall pay over to the town treasurer of said new town the portion of all unexpended school moneys in his hands belonging to said new town, and thereafter the town treasurer of said new town shall pay all orders thereafter issued by said board of school directors for the support and maintenance of the schools in such new town.

**Commissioners and levies for settlement between new towns and old.** SECTION 9. At any time after the first Tuesday in April, 1907, the judge of the circuit court in and for Douglas county, shall, upon written application of the chairman of any one or more of the towns herein mentioned and interested herein, appoint and fix the compensation of three disinterested persons, residents of said county, to ascertain and apportion as between the said town of Nebagamon and the said new towns, the liabilities and assets of said town of Nebagamon according to the assessed valuation of the territory in said towns respectively, as shown by the assessment in said town of Nebagamon for the year 1906. Said commissioners so appointed shall, when requested in writing by the chairman of any one or more of said towns, call a meeting to be held at some convenient place in said town of Nebagamon, notice of which said meeting shall be given to the chairman of each of said towns. The said persons so appointed shall, at the time and place designated in such notice, ascertain and determine the value of all public property now belonging to said town of Nebagamon, as well as all outstanding legal indebtedness of the said town, and shall apportion the same as between the said town of Nebagamon and several new towns, according to the

proportion which all taxable property in each of said new towns shall bear to the total value of taxable property in said town of Nebagamon, as shown by the assessment in said town of Nebagamon for the year 1906, and shall make and file with the town clerks of each of said towns interested therein, a statement of their determination in that behalf, and thereupon said new towns shall become liable to the town of Nebagamon for the amounts respectively properly chargeable thereto, as shown by said statement, and the town board of each of said new towns shall cause to be levied upon the taxable property of such new town, a tax sufficient to pay the same, as the same shall become due and payable; and when collected, the amounts so levied shall be paid over to the treasurer of said town of Nebagamon, and if thereafter it shall be made to appear to said persons so appointed that said town of Nebagamon has been held liable for any indebtedness not included in the apportionment made as above provided, the said persons shall upon like request and like notice call other and further meetings and apportion such other indebtedness in the same manner as hereinbefore provided.

**Public property vested in the new towns.** SECTION 10. Upon the organization of said new towns respectively the title to all public property located therein, including all school property, shall become vested in such new town and such town shall be chargeable with any excess of value of such property over and above its proportionate share of the same as the same shall be determined as herein provided.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage and publication.

Approved March 9, 1907.