written notice shall forfeit not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dollars.

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

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CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT to create section 490t of the statutes, relating to free high school districts.

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

Section 1. There is added to the statutes, a new section to read: Section 490t. No action heretofore taken by the electors or officers of any town, village, or city, school district or sub-district, in voting to form a free high school district or a joint free high school district, shall be invalid by reason of any defect in the form of notice given, posted, published or served, or the manner in which such notice shall have been given, posted, published or served, and all steps and elections heretofore had and taken by any town, village, or city, school district or sub-district in forming a high school district or a joint high school district are hereby validated and declared to have the same force and effect as if there had been no irregularities or omissions in the proceedings had for the purpose of forming such district.

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

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CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT appropriating to various insurance companies the amount of overpayment on fire marshal tax.

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

SECTION 1. The sums of money, constituting overpayment by certain fire insurance companies of the fire marshal tax of 1908, are appropriated out of the special fund provided for in section 1946n of the statutes, and shall be paid to the companies making such overdraft as follows: