

SECTION 8. When such elections shall have been held as herein provided, and the town officers of said towns then elected shall have qualified as required by law, the said towns of Harrison and Lincoln shall be deemed and shall be duly organized and shall possess all rights, powers, privileges, and liabilities of other towns of the state of Wisconsin.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 433.

AN ACT to amend section 698 of the statutes, relating to the election of county officers and county or district superintendents of schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 698 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 698. At the general election in the year one thousand nine hundred and four, and biennially thereafter, there shall be elected in each county for a regular term, the following county officers, viz.: A county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, coroner, clerk of circuit court, district attorney, register of deeds, and surveyor. The regular term of office of all such officers shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding their election and continue two years; but each such officer, including those now in office shall hold his office until his successor is qualified.

A superintendent of schools shall be chosen by the qualified electors of each superintendent district in the state of Wisconsin, at the election to be held on the first Tuesday in April in the year one thousand nine hundred and five, and biennially thereafter, and said officer shall hold his office for the term of two years from the succeeding first Monday of July. * * *

The superintendent of each *superintendent* district shall hold his office until his successor is elected or appointed and qualified. *In all cases where the superintendent district comprises the entire county* the county board of supervisors of every county at the annual meeting next preceding the election of such county school superintendent * * * shall fix the amount of the annual salary which shall be received by the * * * superintendent of schools * * * and * * * shall al-

low such actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in the proper discharge of his duties, within and without the county, as may be reasonable and just, the same to be audited, allowed and paid in the same manner as other claims against the county are audited, allowed, and paid: *Provided that if the supervisors fail or neglect to vote upon and fix the salary of the superintendent as above the salary last fixed shall continue to be the salary paid.*

In all cases where the county is divided into two superintendent districts, only those members of the county board of supervisors residing within the superintendent district—supervisors from cities under city superintendents to be excluded—shall have and exercise the power and authority granted above to the county board of supervisors in cases where the superintendent district comprises the entire county.

In order to exercise such power and authority the supervisors from each superintendent district shall meet and organize after the manner of organization provided for county boards of supervisors so far as necessary in order to transact the business before them, and when so organized, the supervisors from one superintendent district shall act independently and free from any interference, voice, direction, or control from the supervisors of the other district.

All supervisors from cities included in any part of the county or superintendent district or districts, the schools of which are under the direction and control of a city superintendent elected under the provisions of Chap. 388, laws of 1905, [Sections 926—115, 926—116, 926—117] are excluded from any participation in the deliberations of the supervisors of any superintendent district had with reference to the manner of directing the administration of its school affairs.

In all cases where there are two superintendent districts in a county, the county treasurer and county clerk shall keep all accounts and all records of other matters pertaining to the maintenance, control, and direction of school affairs in one superintendent district free from the matters pertaining to the control, maintenance, and direction of the school affairs of the other.

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

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