

a population of less than fifteen hundred in cities of the second class, nor less than one thousand in cities of the third, nor less than five hundred in cities of the fourth class.

3. In every city the wards shall be in as compact form and contain as nearly equal population as practicable. Whenever the numbers or boundaries of any wards are altered their original numbers and geographical outlines shall as far as possible be retained, and no further such changes shall be made for a period of two years except by adding thereto territory newly added to the city limits. Each new or altered ward is entitled to, and shall have, the same number of aldermen, supervisors, and ward officers that are allowed by law to any other ward, and all wards shall be equally subject to the provisions of the charter of the city. New offices created and vacancies in office occasioned by the formation of new wards, by the consolidation of old ones, or by alterations of their boundaries shall be filled as follows: Every alderman, ward, or precinct officer and every election and ballot clerk residing at the time of formation or alteration within the territory of the new or altered ward shall become an alderman or other respective officer of such new or altered ward or precinct for the remainder of the term for which he was elected or appointed and until his successor is elected or appointed and qualified. All offices and vacancies not so filled shall be filled by election or appointment as directed by the charter of such city, and the common council shall forthwith order elective offices to be filled at the next general or municipal election, if such an election will be held within thirty days, otherwise at a special election, specifying in the order the term of each officer to be elected.

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CHAPTER 498.

AN ACT to amend section 515a of the statutes, relating to the authority of school directors or boards of education to employ lecturers on natural science, historical, literary, and other subjects.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 515a of the statutes is amended to read: Section 515a. The board of school directors of any school district or the board of education of any city is authorized and empowered to provide for employment of competent persons to deliver lectures on the natural sciences, on historical, literary, or other educational subjects, in the public school buildings, in

public library buildings or in other suitable places of said *district or city*, and to particularly provide for the further education of the adult persons of such community.

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

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CHAPTER 499.

AN ACT to amend section 1272 of the statutes, relating to highways and bridges on town lines.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1272 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1272. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary to lay out, alter, widen, or discontinue a highway upon the line between two towns or to discontinue in whole or in part any highway extending from one town to another adjoining town, it shall be done by the supervisors of each of said towns acting together, and if such highway is laid out or altered it may be either upon said town line or as near thereto as the situation of the ground will admit; and they may vary the same either on one side or the other of such line as they may deem necessary; *provided, however, that any bridge, or bridges, over any stream or river forming the boundary line between two counties, erected or maintained solely by one of the adjoining municipalities, may be closed or discontinued by such municipality so maintaining the same when such adjoining municipality shall fail to co-operate in such maintenance in proportion to the amount of the cost thereof borne by said municipality, if erected at the joint expense of the two adjoining municipalities; or, if not so erected, then in the proportion of one-half the cost of such maintenance.*

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

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