

may prescribe; but should any such prisoner wilfully escape from the state reformatory or the state prison or become a fugitive from justice, or commit any breach of discipline at either institution, the said board of control may, in its discretion, cause the forfeiture of all earnings remaining to the prisoner's credit and the same shall be replaced in the fund from which it was originally taken. It is further provided that in the case of earnings paid by the contractor to the prisoner employed under the contract, same shall be placed in the current expense fund of the institution in which the prisoner may be confined.

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

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CHAPTER 354.

AN ACT to amend section 1411 of the statutes, relating to the organization of local boards of health.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1411 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1411. 1. The town board, village board and common council of every town, village and city, *except in cities of the first class*, shall, within thirty days after each annual election, organize as a board of health or appoint wholly or partially from its own members, a suitable number of competent persons who shall organize as a board of health for such town, village or city. *The health officer when appointed shall hold office for two years and until his successor has been elected and qualifies.*

2. In case the town board, village board, or common council fails or neglects to appoint a board of health as provided by this section, the state board of health may appoint persons to serve on such board until a board of health has been regularly appointed as hereinbefore provided, and the necessary expense so incurred shall be charged to and paid out of the treasury of such town, incorporated village or city.

3. *Whenever any health officer appointed under the provisions of this section, or elected as provided for by the general charter law or special charter laws, shall neglect or refuse to perform the duties of his office and assist the state board of health in the enforcement of the public health laws of the state, it shall be the duty of the town board, village board or common council, either*

upon its own initiative or upon the recommendation of the state board of health, to discharge such official and immediately appoint a new health officer.

4. The officers of such board shall include a chairman, a clerk, and a health officer, who shall be ex officio a member of such board and its executive officer; all such officers shall be elected by the board immediately after its organization. Every board of health as thus constituted shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties prescribed in this chapter within the limits of the town, village or city of which they are such officers. Every health officer so appointed shall be, whenever practicable, a reputable physician; he shall hold office during the pleasure of such board and until the qualification of his successor; if a vacancy occurs in his office, the board of health shall immediately fill the same by an election. The foregoing provisions shall not apply to any city or village in which a board of health and a health officer are provided for by the charter thereof; but every such board, whether organized under the provisions of this section or otherwise, shall immediately after each annual or other organization report to the secretary of the state board of health the names, post-office addresses and occupations of the officers thereof, and make such report whenever a new health officer is chosen. Every board of health shall take such measures and make such rules and regulations as they may deem most effectual for the preservation of the public health. To provide for the control of diphtheria and other contagious diseases, the local board of health shall furnish antitoxin free to all indigent persons suffering from such diseases, in such manner as the state board of health may direct. They may appoint as many persons to aid them in the execution of their powers and duties as they think proper, regulate the fees and charges of every person so employed by them, and fix the salary of the health officer, examine into all nuisances, sources of filth, and causes of sickness, and make such rules and regulations respecting the same as they may judge necessary for the public health and safety of the inhabitants.

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

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