

shall petition the board in writing therefor; and such division shall be made in wards, villages or towns when it shall appear that six hundred or more votes were cast in any such district therein at any election, *except that in cities of the first class, such division shall not be mandatory unless it shall appear that eight hundred or more votes were cast in any such district therein at any election*; provided, however, that no division shall be made in any town containing less than fifty sections of land unless it shall appear that four hundred or more votes were cast in such town at the last preceding general election.

2. Such division shall be made at least four months prior to the next succeeding general election and shall be so made that the districts shall be composed of compact, contiguous territory, no one of which shall contain over five hundred voters, *except that in cities of the first class such districts may contain eight hundred registered voters*. The order or resolution making such division shall be filed with the proper city, village or town clerk, who shall within five days after such filing transmit a copy thereof to the county clerk, and in towns and villages the clerks thereof shall post copies of such order or resolution in five public places therein.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT to amend section 4581i of the statutes, relating to responsibility for the neglect, dependence and delinquency of children.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4581i of the statutes is amended to read: Section 4581i. In all cases where any child shall be a *dependent, neglected or delinquent* child, as defined by the statutes of this state, the parent or parents, legal guardian, or person having the custody of such child, or any other person, responsible for \* \* \* *such child being dependent, neglected or delinquent*, through wilful neglect or by any wilful act encouraging, causing or contributing to the *dependency, neglect or delinquency* of such child, *whether said child has or has not previously been dependent, neglected or delinquent*, shall be guilty

of a misdemeanor, and upon trial and conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding one year, or punished by both such fine and imprisonment. The court may impose conditions upon any person found guilty under this act, and so long as such person shall comply therewith to the satisfaction of the court, the sentence imposed may be suspended; provided, however, that no such sentence or the execution thereof shall be stayed to exceed a period of two years, and if at the expiration of the stay of such sentence, or at such time prior thereto as the court may deem proper, it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that such person has complied faithfully with the conditions of such suspended sentence, the court may suspend such sentence absolutely, in which case such person shall be relieved therefrom.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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### CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT to create section 822a of the statutes, relating to the power of town boards to borrow money and issue negotiable promissory notes therefor.

*The 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 822a. Whenever the electors of any town at the last preceding town meeting shall have voted in favor of authorizing the town board to borrow money with which to pay town orders which may be drawn upon the treasurer of said town, the town board may borrow money for such purpose at a rate of interest not exceeding eight per cent per annum, and the town chairman and the clerk of said town upon the direction of the town board shall issue negotiable promissory notes of said town therefor payable not later than the first day of March following the date of their issue, but the money so borrowed shall, in no case, exceed the amount appropriated by the electors at the last preceding town meeting.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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