a consolidated district and each school abandoned and united in such central school shall be deemed the equivalent of a school district participating in such consolidation.

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

Approved June 28, 1917.

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CHAPTER 511

AN ACT to amend the first paragraph of section 6.50 of the statutes, relating to the challenging of electors.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of section 6.50 of the statutes is amended to read: (6.50) (First paragraph) Each inspector shall, and any elector of the county may, challenge every person offering to vote whom he shall know or suspect not to be duly qualified as an elector. If such a person is challenged as unqualified, one of the inspectors shall tender to him the following oath or affirmation: You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you touching your place of residence and qualifications as an elector of this election; and shall thereupon put questions as follows:

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

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CHAPTER 512

AN ACT to repeal section 1363, and to create a new section of the statutes to be renumbered section 1363, relating to drainage ditches.

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

Section 1. Section 1363 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. There is added to the statutes a new section to be numbered and to read: Section 1363. 1. Wherever and whenever a drainage ditch laid out under the town drainage law shall cross a public highway in existence before said ditch is constructed or laid out after said ditch is constructed the town shall as its share of the cost of construction and maintenance of said ditch pay the cost of digging and maintaining the same

across the highway right-of-way of size, depth and slope to conform to the said ditch on either side of said right-of-way and shall pay for or construct and shall maintain the necessary bridge or bridges across said ditch on such highway and shall not be liable to pay any other part of the cost of construction of such ditch.

2. The remainder of such total cost of construction shall be by order assessed and apportioned against the benefited lands, corporations and counties in proportion to the benefits assessed and such order of assessment shall be filed and recorded by the town clerk in his office. Said assessments shall be made within ten days after the contract is let if not theretofore made, but failure to make such assessments within that time shall not deprive the supervisors of power to make such assessments.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 513

AN ACT to amend subsection 9 of section 2394—52 of the statutes, relating to aid in procuring employment.

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

Section 1. Subsection 9 of section 2394-52 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 2394-52. (9) To establish and conduct free employment agencies, to license and supervise the work of private employment offices, to do all in its power to bring together employers seeking employes and working people seeking employment, to make known the opportunities for selfemployment in this state, to aid in procuring employment for the blind adults of the state, to aid in inducing minors to undertake promising skilled employments, to provide industrial or agricultural training for vagrants and other persons unsuited for ordinary employments, and to encourage wage earners to insure themselves against distress from unemployment. It shall investigate the extent and causes of unemployment in the state of Wisconsin and the remedies therefor in this and other countries, and it shall devise and adopt the most efficient means within its power to avoid unemployment, to provide employment, and to prevent distress from involuntary idleness.

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

Approved June 27, 1917.