

charter, and including within their limits all or any part of any such cities, are hereby authorized to levy annually a special tax for school purposes not exceeding * * * *five mills* on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all the real and personal property in said city or school districts for that year, in addition to the total tax now authorized to be levied by such cities or school districts, and such tax may be levied and collected in the same way as other school taxes are levied and collected in such cities and school districts.

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

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CHAPTER 543

AN ACT to amend section 1797—55 of the statutes, relating to the investigation by the railroad commission of plans for proposed railroads or extensions or branches of railroads.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1797—55 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1797—55. Upon receiving the specifications required by the foregoing section, the said railroad commission shall examine the same and shall hear the applicant railroad in support thereof, shall suggest and require modifications of said specification if in their judgment the public safety so demand, *eliminating so far as may be practicable consistent with reasonable cost all crossings of public highways at grade*, shall visit and inspect the said proposed line of railroad or extension or branch thereof, if deemed desirable, and shall otherwise investigate and determine that the proposed construction will be adequate for securing and protecting the public safety in the operation of said proposed railroad or extension or branch thereof, and thereupon the said commission shall grant to said applicant railroad an order approving said specification as amended—if the same shall be amended—and authorizing the construction of said proposed railroad or extension or branch thereof in accordance therewith.

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

Approved June 28, 1917.