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CHAPTER 166.

AN ACT to amend subsection (8) of section 20.24 of the statutes, relating to school libraries and apportionment of the common school fund income.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (8) of section 20.24 of the statutes is amended to read: (20.24) (8) Within ten days from such settlement each county treasurer shall set apart and withhold from such apportionment an amount equal to * * * *twenty* cents per capita for each person of school age residing in towns, villages, and cities of the fourth class in such county, to which apportionment is made, to be expended for the purchase of library books, as provided in section 40.36; and shall thereupon give notice in writing of the amount of the common school fund income so apportioned and payable to each town, village, and city in his county, to the treasurer and clerk thereof respectively, and shall pay the same to each such treasurer on demand, who shall pay the same to the proper school treasurer as provided by law. If any such town, village, or city treasurer shall not demand such money before the next receipt of school money apportioned to such county, the county treasurer shall add such sum remaining in his hands to the money so next received and distribute the same therewith and in the same proportion among the several towns, villages, and cities entitled thereto in such county.

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

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CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT to create subsection (7) of section 1492ab of the statutes, relating to the eradication of bovine tuberculosis by the Wisconsin department of agriculture, and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 1492ab of the statutes, to be numbered and to read: (1492ab) (7) When-

ever petitions signed by sixty per cent or more of the cattle owners, as disclosed by the last assessment rolls of the several taxing districts therein, who reside in any county, shall be presented to the department of agriculture, asking that all cattle within such county be tested for tuberculosis, said department is hereby authorized to make such test without expense to the owners, to the extent of the funds provided therefor by subsection (7) of section 20.60. The commissioner of agriculture shall fix a time when said petitions and any objection thereto will be heard by the state live stock sanitary board, and notice of said hearing will be published in at least one paper published in such county, not less than ten days before the time set for such hearing. At the time fixed for such hearing persons may be heard either for or against granting the petition. The board shall examine and consider said petitions and the evidence, facts and things offered in support of and against the same, and shall render its decision thereon. In case the board shall determine that the petitions contain the necessary number of signers and are sufficient to satisfy the statute, such decision and determination shall be final unless reviewed in the manner herein provided. In case the board shall decide that the petitions are sufficient and shall determine to grant the same and undertake the work, notice of such decision and determination shall be given by publishing the same in at least one newspaper published in such county.

A rehearing shall be granted upon the written application therefor, signed by not less than ten per cent of the resident cattle owners in such county, filed with the commissioner of agriculture within thirty days after the publication of the decision as herein provided. The commissioner of agriculture shall, upon receipt of a valid application for rehearing, order one or more members of said board to make investigations in said county and hold at least one public hearing therein. The member or members making such investigation and conducting such hearing shall make and file with the commissioner of agriculture a written report thereof, wherein shall be stated the number of resident owners of cattle, as disclosed by the last assessment rolls, and also the number of valid signatures upon the original petitions. This report shall be examined and acted upon at a meeting of the live stock sanitary board and if said board shall find that the original petitions were signed by the requisite numbers of cattle owners, its decision shall be final and absolute.

Whenever it shall be determined to make the test in any county, notice of the time the work will commence shall be given by publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county. At any time after the date so fixed, any member of the state live stock sanitary board and all inspectors and persons appointed or authorized by the board or the state veterinarian to assist in the work of applying the tuberculin test may enter any barns, stables, yards, pastures or other buildings or inclosures where cattle may be, for the purpose of making inspection and applying the tuberculin test, and any person who shall interfere therewith or obstruct them in said work or attempt to obstruct or prevent by force the carrying on of the inspection and the testing shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and in addition thereto shall be liable to all damages thereby caused to the state or county or to any person lawfully engaged in the work of inspection and testing.

The department of agriculture shall provide all the necessary equipment and supplies and inspectors and make all arrangements necessary for the carrying on and completion of the work herein authorized and the expense thereof shall be defrayed out of the appropriation provided by subsection (7) of section 20.60. Should any such equipment or supplies so provided be no longer needed, same may be disposed of by the superintendent of public property and the proceeds derived from the sale of the surplus or unneeded equipment and supplies shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to said appropriation.

Any petition filed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (7) of section 20.60 prior to July 1, 1921, shall have the same force and effect as though this subsection had not been enacted and such petitions may be proceeded under in all things the same as though filed under this subsection.

No cattle shall be brought into any county after the tuberculin test provided for herein shall have been completed therein, or transported or moved from one part of such county to another, except in compliance with regulations prescribed by the live stock sanitary board, and said board is hereby empowered to make and promulgate all reasonable regulations necessary to prevent the reinfection and spread of bovine tuberculosis in tested territory.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1921.

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